## THE MAATHIR-UL-UMARA

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OGRAPHIES OF THE MUHAMMADAN AND HINDU OFFICERS OF THE TIMURID SOVEREIGNS OF INDIA FROM 1500 TO ABOUT 1780 A.D.

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N AWWĀB ŞAMŞĀM-UD-DAULA SHĀH NAWĀZ KHĀN

AND HIS SON 'ABDUL HAYY

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#### RĀM CHAND CHAUHĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 138, 139).

He was the son of Badan Singh1, and was one of Emperor Akbar's officers of the rank of 500. In the 18th year when the Emperor made a rapid march to relieve Mīrzā 'Azīz Kōka in Gujarāt, Rām Chand went with him. In the 26th year he was with Sultan Murad when he marched to deal with Mīrzā Muhammad Hakim. In the 38th year he was deputed with Mīrzā Shāh Rukh, Governor of Mālwa, to that province, and when the Emperor received news of the indiscipline of the soldiery of the Deccan, and of Shahbaz Khan going away from the army to Malwa without permission from Prince Sultan Murad, Rām4 Chand was sent to Berār to convey a lac of ashrafīs which owing to the unsafe nature of the roads, had been kept in the Gwalior fort for the equipment of the army and to turn back the Malwa troops to the Deccan. He came to the Deccan. In the battle in which Raji 'Alī Khān was killed, Rām Chand was in his corps. He received twenty wounds during the fight, and fell on the ground. Throughout the night he remained on the battlefield mixed with the dead bodies, and was only rescued in the morning. After some days he died in the 41st year of Akbar's reign corresponding to the year 1005 A.H. (1596-97 A.D.).

See Blochmann,  $\overline{A}$  in (2nd edn.) I, p. 551 where the name of his father is given as Badal Singh.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 49, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 69.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 333, translation, p. 518.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 712, translation, pp. 1060, 1061.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 719, translation, p. 1071.

#### (RĀJA) RĀM DĀS NARWĀRĪ

(Vol. II, pp. 226-228).

He was an officer during the reign of Emperor Jahangir. the 1st year of the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan he was deputed with Mahabat Khan Khan Khanan for the chastisement of Jujhar Singh Bundela, who after his flight from Agra had raised the standard of rebellion. In the 3rd year he was sent with Rão Ratan Hāra to take up his station at Basim in Berar and block the path of the Deccan armies2. In the end of the 6th year he was deputed3 with Shujā for the conquest of Parenda in the Deccan. In the 8th year he was exalted by appointment to rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse, and accompanied Saivid Khan Jahan Barah for devastating the territories of 'Adil Khan. In the 13th year, corresponding to 1049 A.H. (1639-40 A.D.) he died. The Emperor appointed his grandson Amar Singh to the rank of 1,000 with 600 horse, granted him the title of Raja, and having appointed him Governor of the fort of Narwar—the post previously held by his grandfather—granted him all that territory as his fief4. In the 19th year he attended Sultan Murad Bakhsh on the expedition to Balkh and Badakhshān, and in the 25th year accompanied Sultān Aurangzīb Bahādur who was deputed to the Qandahār campaign for the second time. In the 26th year he again went there with Sultan Dārā Shikōh, and from there went with Rustam Khān to take Bust. In the 30th year he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 1,500 with 1,00 horse, and in the same year he was seconded6 with Mu-'azzam Khān to assist Sulçan Muhammad Aurangzīb in the Deccan. In the 1st year of the reign of Emperor Aurangzib he did homage, and was later deputed with Prince Muhammad Sultan for the pursuit

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 241.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 298.

<sup>4</sup> Bādsbābnāma, II, p. 174.

<sup>6 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālih, III, p .236.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 538,

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 484.

<sup>7</sup> A'lamgirnāma, p. 555.

of Sultān Shujā'. He rendered valuable services there and in the Assām campaign. Later, in company with Shamsher Khān Tarīn he was appointed to the campaign against the Afghāns¹ of the Rūh (hill country), and his rank was raised to 1,000 with 350 horse. The discrepancy in the statement about his rank—which is taken from 'Alamgīrnāma—is perhaps due to a reduction in his earlier rank for some reason, or it may be a mistake on the part of the copyist.

# (RĀJA) RĀM DĀS KACHWĀHA<sup>2</sup> (Vol. II, pp. 155-157).

His father Urdat was a man of small means and in distressed circumstances. He lived at his native place Lūnī³. Rām Dās at first was a servant of Rāīsāl Darbārī⁴, and through him became enlisted in the service of Emperor Akbar. By rapid promotion he rose to the rank of 500, and gradually he gained access to the Emperor and a position of trust. In the 18th year when Rāja Tōdar⁵ Mal was deputed to assist Khān Khānān, and to reorganize the army which had been sent to conquer Bihār, Rām Dās was appointed his deputy for civil affairs. He gradually by rendering valuable services and by his assiduity gained a place in the Emperor's affections so that most of his representations were accepted. He attended to the work in connection with the Rājpūt Amīrs, and others, and amassed wealth. It is stated that he had built a spacious house in the Āgra Fort near

- I His appointment is mentioned on p. 858 of 'Alamgirnāma, and on p. 1056 it is stated that his rank was a reward for his services raised to 1,000 with 650 horse.
- 2 See Blochmann,  $\bar{A}$ 'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 539, 540. He was the Commander of the Rājpūt guard at the fort.
- 3 According to Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 65, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 91, his home was Newata. Lūnī is in Ranthambhōr.
  - 4 Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 172-174, translation antia pp. 564, 565.
- 5 Rāja Todar Mal's appointment was in the 18th and not the 17th year as stated by Blochmann, op. cit., p. 540, see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 71, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 98. The appointment of Rām Dās is not mentioned there.

the Hatiāpūl, but he always lived in the Guard-room (Pēsh-khāna) and on duty there. Emperor Akbar had no fixed times for entering or leaving the Zanāna, but Rām Dās was always in attendance with 200 Rājpūts carrying lances in their hands.

At the time of Emperor Akbar's death, as Khan A'zam and Raja Man Singh tried to support Sultan Khusrau for the sovereignty, Ram Das out of his loyalty to Prince Salim placed his own men on guard over the treasury and magazines so that the opposing party might not be able to take possession. Accordingly in Emperor Jahangir's time his rank1 was increased, and he gained greater influence and power. In the 6th year of the reign, corresponding to 1020 A.H. (1611 A.D.), he was deputed to accompany 'Abdullah Khan, Governor of Gujarāt, on the Deccan campaign, and he was granted the title of Raja, and the present of a drum, and was put in charge of the fort of Ranthambhor3, which was one of the chief forts of India. It is generally stated that he had the title of Raja Karan, though it is not mentioned in the lqbalnama. When the army marched rapidly by way of Nāsik to Daulatābād, and returned after its defeat at the hands of Malik 'Amber, Emperor Jahangir out of anger had portraits prepared of all the officials who had taken to flight. He looked at each and made a remark. When the Raja's portrait was taken up, he took it in his hand in the open Darbar and said, "You were a servant of Rāisāl at a tankah a day, my father cherished you and made you an Amīr. It is a disgrace for a Rājpūt to run away (from the field of Alas! that you did not even have respect for the title of Raja Karan. I hope that you will lose faith and fortune (din u duniyā)." He refused him audience, and sent him to the Bangash campaign. Raja died there in the same year, corresponding to 1022 A.H. (1613-14 A.D.). The Emperor said, "My prayer worked, for, according to the Hindū religion, whoever dies after crossing the river Indus,

<sup>1</sup> Rogers & Beveridges translation of Tüzuk-i-Jahängiri, I, p. 211.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 201, 379, 418.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 202.

goes to hell." At Rangta<sup>1</sup> Hilālābād 15 women and 20 men performed satī in company with the Rāja's turban.

He was unequal for his generosity and liberality. For one good story he would give a large sum of money. When he once gave a present to a chāran, a bādfarōsh or a musician, they every year in the same month received the same amount from his treasurer, and there was no necessity of altering the receipt. He was very fond of playing chaupar2. He used to go on playing for two days and nights. If he lost, he became angry and was abusive, especially to his partner, and would strike the ground with his hands, and use foul language. Naman (or Taman) Das, his son, left the Court for his native place without leave in the 46th year of Emperor Akbar's reign, and started oppressing the poor people. At his father's request an order was issued that Shah Quli Khan's servants should bring him to the Court. He resisted, and was killed. Ram Das was grieved on account of the death of his son, and Emperor Akbar went to the Guard-room, and comforted him3. His other son Dalap Narāin rose to the rank of an Amīr. He was an exact counterpart of his father in every detail. He died at the height of his youth.

### RĀM SINGH (Vol. II, pp. 266, 267).

He was the son of Karmsī, sister's son of Rānā Jagat Singh. His father was a respected royal officer, and Rām Singh in the end of the 13th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign came to the Court, and

2 For the game see Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 315, 316.

I On the Jumnā near Āgra, it is a famous place of Hindū worship, see Jarrett's translation of Ā'īn, II, p. 180. The story of Rām Dās' disgrace and Jahāngīr's remarks is not to be found in Tūzuk. Rather it is noted on p. 220 of the translation that the disaster was due to 'Abdullāh Khān not heeding the advice of Rām Dās.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 188, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1181. The name of the son is given there as Datman or Daman Das.

<sup>4</sup> He was a Rathor.

<sup>5</sup> Bādsbābnāma, II. p 198.

received the rank of 1,000 with 600 horse. In the 14th year he had an increase1 of 100, and in the 16th year he was exalted2 by promotion to the rank of 1,500 with 800 horse. In the 19th year he was deputed with Prince Murad Bakhsh for the conquest of Balkh and Badakhshan, and after reaching Balkh, when Bahadur Khan and Asālat Khān were appointed to pursue Nadhar Muhammad Khān, ruler of Balkh, Ram Singh without the Prince's permission accompanied them4. He frequently distinguished himself in fights with the Alamans in this campaign. In the 22nd year his rank was increased to 2,500 with 1,200 horse, and he was appointed to the Qandahar campaign under Prince Muhammad Aurangzib Bahadur. reaching there he went with Rustam Khan to conquer Zamin Dawar. In the 23rd year he was promoted to the rank of 3,000 with 1,500 horse. In the 25th year he went a second time with the said Prince on the same expedition, and in the 26th year received an elephant, and accompanied Dara Shikoh to the Qandahar fort for the third time. After arriving there he went with Rustam Khan to capture the fort of Bust. In the 28th year he did great deeds in chastising the Zamīndār of Srinagar—which is situated in the hills to the north of the Capital, Delhī-with Khalīl Ullāh Khān8. In the battle of Samūgarh, in the year 1068 A.H. (1658 A.D.) he was in the vanguard of the forces of Dārā Shikōh. During the battle he fought9 bravely, and loyally and bravely fell under the swords of the opposing forces.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 236.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 309.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 484.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit, p. 540.

Amal Sālih, III, p. 72.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 140.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p 157.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 196, but Ram Singh's name is not mentioned there.

<sup>9 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 102.

### (RĀJA) RĀM SINGH (Vol. II, pp. 301-303).

He was a Kachwāha, and the eldest son of Mīrzā Rāja Jai Singh1. In the 16th year<sup>2</sup> of the reign of Shah Jahan, when the Emperor went to Ajmer, he came to the Presence with his father and did homage. In the 19th year when the Emperor started for Kābul from Lāhōre, he came from his home with 500 cavalry men, and was granted a robe of honour, and the rank of 1,000 with 1,000 horse3. By successive promotions his rank was raised to 2,000 with 1,500 horse, and he received a flag. In the 26th year he was granted an increase of 500, and in the 27th year he was again granted an increase of 500. In the battle of Samugarh he was with Dara Shikoh. After the latter's defeat, he went over to Aurangzib, and in the 1st year was deputed4 with Prince Muhammad Sultan and Mu'azzam Khan to pursue Shuja. On the way as a result of some false rumours, which had gained currency about the second battle with Dārā Shikōh, he became alarmed, and retired from attending5 on the Prince, and subsequently made a disgraceful retreat. In the 3rd year he was sent6 to bring Sulaiman Shikoh, who was with the Zamindar of Srinagar, and who had agreed through Mīrzā Rāja Jai Singh to hand him over. He and the son of the Zamindar brought him to the Court'. After the deputation of the Mīrzā Rāja to the Deccan he remained at the Court.

When in the 8th year it was reported that Sīvā (Shīvājī) Bhonsle had had an interview with Rām Singh's father, Rām Singh was favoured with the grant of a robe of honour, jewels, and a female elephant. And when Sīvā came from the Deccan with his son Sambhā, and did homage, the Emperor on the very first day read signs

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 568-577, Beveridge Prashad's translation, I, pp. 730-734.

<sup>2</sup> In Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 346 this is recorded in the 17th year.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 500, 501.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 269.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 497.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 601.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 602.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 907.

of obstinacy in his countenance, and charged Ram Singh, who had introduced him at the Court, to take Sīvā to his house, and keep himself informed about him. When that hypocrite by a clever rouse which has been described in the account of Raja Sahū Bhonslesecretly escaped and took to flight, Ram Singh was censured for his carelessness, deprived of his office, and forbidden to pay his respects1. After his father's death, in the 10th year, he was restored to favour, and received a robe of honour, a jewelled dagger with a pearl band, a sword with enamelled trappings, an Arab horse with a golden saddle, a special elephant with a brocade covering and silver ornaments, the title of Raja<sup>2</sup> and the rank of 4,000 with 4,000 horse. In the end of the same year, when the news came of the attack of the Assamese on Gauhātī on the borders of Bengāl, and the murder of Saiyid Fīrūz Khān, Thānadār of the place, Rām Singh was sent3 there with a large force, and granted an increase of 1,000 with 1,000 horse. In the 19th year he returned and did homage4. He died at his appointed time. His son Kunwar Singh-who during his father's lifetime had a suitable rank, and was for a time attached to Kābul-was later wounded in a family feud, and killed. Bishan Singh, his son, attained the rank of 1,000 with 400 horse, and on his grandfather's death received the title of Raja and other favours. He was for a time engaged in chastising the Rathors, and for a time was the Faujdar8 of Islāmābād. Later when he died, Bijai Singho, his son, in the 44th

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 968-711. For fuller details about Shiyājis treatment at the Mughal Court, his escape etc., see Sir Jadunath Sarkar's Shivaji and His Times (1929 edn.), pp. 139-156. The reference to Sāhūs' account in Maāthir-ul-Umarā is in Text, II, p. 347. See also Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, pp. 55, 56.

<sup>2</sup> Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 62.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 154.

<sup>4 .</sup> Op. cit., p. 217.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 65.

<sup>6</sup> Op, cit., p. 158.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 217.

<sup>8</sup> I'tiqad Khan's appointment as his successor at Islamabad is recorded in Maātbir-i-Alamgiri on p. 382.

<sup>9</sup> Op. cit., p. 424.

year, received the title of Rāja Jai Singh and was exalted by promotion to the rank of 1,500 with 1,000 horse. In the 45th year he went with Jumlat-ul-Mulk Asad Khān for the conquest of the fort of Khēlnā; his account has been given separately.

# RĀM SINGH HĀRĀ (Vol. II, pp. 323, 324).

He was a grandson of Mādhū Singh Hārā<sup>2</sup>. When Jagat Singh, son of Mukand Singh Hara died in the 25th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign3, and left no son, the Emperor gave Kōtah to Kishwar Singh, brother of Mukand Singh and the uncle of the deceased. The latter was also deputed with Muhammad A'zam4 Shāh to the siege of Bijapur. On the day when Aman Ullah Khan, son of Ilāhwardī Khān, was killed, he also was wounded. In the 30th year he went to Haidarābād with Sultān Mu'azzam, and in the 36th year was exalted with the grant of a drum. Sometime later he died. At the request of Dhulfiqar Khan Bahadur the State of Kotah, in accordance with the ancestral custom, was assigned to his son Ram Singh, who was living in his native place. He at first had the rank of 250, later he had been promoted to the rank of 600, and his rank was now raised to 1,000. He was always attached to the said Khan. He rendered good service in the chastisement of Rānō son of Santā Ghōrpare, and other Marathas. In the 44th year he was exalted with the grant of

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 81-83, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 735, 736.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 453-456, translation antea pp. 1-3.

<sup>3</sup> Vide the account of Mukand Singh Hārā in Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, p. 510, translation aulta p. 242.

<sup>4</sup> Muhammad A'zam Shāh's appointment is recorded in Maāthir-i-falamgiri, p. 219.

<sup>5</sup> This was in the 29th year, Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 262, but Kishwar Singh is not mentioned there.

<sup>6</sup> Ranoojee of Grant Duff, History of Mahrattas (Edwardes' edn. 1921), I, p. 295.

a drum, and in the 48th year was promoted to the rank of 2,500; and he also received the Mūmidāna Zamīndārī in place of Rāo Budh Singh¹—as he was very desirous of having it—on the condition of his maintaining a contingent of 1,000 horse. After the death of Emperor Aurangzīb he took the side of Muḥammad Āʻzam Shāh, and was promoted to the rank of 4,000. On the day of battle he bravely encountered Sulṭān 'Azīm-ush-Shān, and was² killed. His son Bhīm was appointed chief in his place. In the battle which took place between Saiyid Dilāwar 'Alī Khān and Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh in 1131 A.H. (1719 A.D.), he disdained to fly after Dilāwar 'Alī Khān was killed, and bravely gave³ up his life. At the time of writing Kamān Singh, his great grandson, and son of Satar Sāl, son of Durjan Sāl, is the chief of Kōtah⁴.

#### RANDAULA KHAN GHAZI

(Vol. II, p. 309).

He was from Bijāpūr. At the time of the return of Sultān Aurangzīb Bahādur from the Deccan to Upper India he accompained him, and did good service in the battles. After the battle with Mahārāja Jaswant Singh he received the title of Randaula Khān, and was raised to the rank of 4,000 with 4,000 horse, of which 1,000 were two-horse three-horse troopers. After the first battle with Dārā Shikōh he received a reward of Rs. 10,000. Later he was sent with Shaikh Mīr Khwāfī to block the path of egress of Sulaimān Shikōh. Afterwards he was appointed to the Deccan army, and was engaged in various

I This was in the 50th year, Maāthir-i-Alamgīrī, p. 514, where the name is Nūmīdāna with the variant Mūmīdāna, which is also the name in Jarret's A'īn, II, p. 275; it was in Ranthambhor.

<sup>2</sup> In the Battle of Jajau, see Later Mughals, I, p. 30.

<sup>3</sup> Later Mughals, II, p. 30, where his name is Rao Bhim Singh, see also footnote on the same page.

<sup>4</sup> For a succinct account of the history of Kotah see Imperial Gazetteer, XV, pp. 412, 413. Also see Tod, Rajasthan (1914 edn.), II, pp. 410-412.

campaigns. In the 9th year he went<sup>1</sup> with Diler Khan Da'udzai for chastising the Zamindar of Chanda. In the 27th year, corresponding to 1094 A.H. (1683 A.D.) he died<sup>2</sup>.

#### rashīd <u>Kh</u>ān anṣārī

(Vol. II, pp. 242-250).

His name was Allāh Dād, and he was the son of Jalāl-ud-Dīn Raushānī. The latter reared the standard of power among the Afghāns, and so brought this wasp's nest of strife into commotion. From the time of Emperor Akbar to that of Emperor Shāh Jahān the neverending campaign in the country of Kābul indicates the measures taken for the uprooting of this sect. From the time of Emperor Akbar they were styled Tārīkīs (obscurants). As it is necessary to give an account of Jalāl-ud-Dīn's ancestors, and of those who continued to stir up commotion and strife after him, it is recorded here as follows. The father of Jalāl-ud-Dīn, commonly known as Jalālā, was Shaikh Bāyazid generally styled Pīr-i-Raushān and Raushānī. He was the son of Shaikh 'Abdullāh, who was separated by seven generations from Shaikh Sirāj-ud-Dīd Anṣārī. He was born in the town of Jālandhar one year before Bābur's arrival in India. After he had completed<sup>3</sup> his course

1 'Alamgirnāma, p. 1024.

<sup>2</sup> The year of his death is incorrect. It should be 1095 A. H. for he died on 4th Rabī' II, 1095 A.H. (21st March, 1064 A.D.), vide Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 244.

3 The words in the text az tahsil 'Kamāl appear to mean completing his training or initiation. They may be merely rhetoric, and refer to the complete subjugation of the country by the Mughals. Apparently Bāyazīd was still a child when his mother took him to Kanigram which lies south-south-west of Peshāwar and Bannū. A good account of the Raushanis was published by Count von Noer in his work The Emperor Akbar (Mrs. A. S. Beveridge's translation), II, pp. 138-169 (1890), mainly based on J. Leyden—On the Rausheniah sect and its Founder Bayezid Ansari (Asiat Researches, XI, 1810, pp. 363-428.). In this paper is also included a translation of Chapter IX of Dabistān-i- Madhābib on which the Maāthir account is mainly based.

of initiation, and as he witnessed the power of the Mughals getting established, he with his mother named Bahīn—who was of the same tribe—removed to Kanigram in the Rōh (hill country) where his father was living. In the year 949 A.H. (1342 A.D.) a report gained currency that he could work miracles, and some of the Afghān tribes became his disciples. He also wrote a book in the Pushtū language in proof of the unity of the Deity, and called it <u>Khair-ul-Biyān</u>.

It is stated that this work is a compendium of the sayings of great men of earlier times, but many of the tribes taxed it with impiety, and so did not join him. It is stated that when he was brought into the assembly of Mīrzā Muhammad Hakīm, the 'Ulamā were unable to rebut his arguments. When he died, he was buried in Bhatipūr, which was in the hill country (of Afghanistan). He had four sons and a daughter, viz., (1) Shaikh 'Umar, (2) Nūr-ud-Dīn, whose son, Mirzā'ī by name, was a loyal imperial servant and was killed in the battle of Daulatābād, (3) Jamāl-ud-Dīn, (4) Jalāl-ud-Dīn, and (5) the daughter Kamāl Khātun, who died a prisoner of Qulij Khān Akbarsāhī. Jalal-ud-Din succeeded his father. He at the age of fourteen waited upon Emperor Akbar in 989 A.H. (1581 A.D.) when the Emperor was returning from Kābul, and had halted at the Yūlam ferry. He was kindly received, but as he did not receive the rank which he expected, he went away1 without leave, and lived with his father's disciples, who were chiefly of the Orakza'ī, Afrīdī and Shirdād tribes, and with whom he was also connected by marriage.

When in the 31st year the Mohmand and Ghurya Khail tribes, which numbered some 10,000 families in the Peshāwar territory—were oppressed by the agents of Saiyid Hāmid Bokhārī, the fief-holder of

I See Bada'oni Muntakhab-ut-Tawārikh, Text, II, p. 340, Lowe's translation, II, p. 360. Yolumis apparently a mistake for Ilam Gudhar mentioned in Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 639, 702. The ferry, however, is not mentioned in the account of the year 989 A.H. Beveridge Akbarnāma, translation, III, p. 982, note 4, remarked "It was apparently a Pass into the Tīrāh territory. Or it may be the Shāh Alam ferry on the Kabul river."

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 510, translation, p. 777.

the area, they elected Jalala as their leader, and created a disturbance. They killed Hamid, and retired to Tīrāh which was a hilly area some 32 kos long, and 12 broad. On its east lies Peshawar, on its west Maidan, on its north Bara, and on its south Qandahar, it has many1 defiles and depressions. After reaching there they blocked2 the Khaibar route. Rāja Mān Singh, the Governor of Kābul entered Tīrāh by the route of Nārwān, and attacked the Afrīdīs—who were the leaven of the commotion—and halted at 'Alī Masjid'. Jalālā had received some punishment at the hands of Zain Khan Koka, who had been deputed by the Emperor, and who had made great efforts for uprooting the thorn-bush of the strife. When Jalala was hard-pressed, he in the 32nd year left the defiles of Tīrāh, and took refuge in Swat and Bajaur, which constitute the territory of the Yusufza'is. They in spite of the punishment they had received at the hands of the imperial troops, did not refrain from wickedness, and gave him shelter in their territory. Zain Khān advanced into those hills, and after severe fighting Jalala was nearly captured. He was, however, able to return again to Tîrāh by the pass which had been left in the charge of Ismā'īl Qulī Khān, but which he had left unguarded after the arrival of Sādiq Muhammad Khān. The latter pursued him by forced marches, and by suitable measures conciliated the Afridi and Orakza'i tribes. Accordingly they captured and produced before him Mulla Ibrahim whose son Jalālā considered himself to be. Jalālā thereupon lost faith in them and went to Tūrān, and the Afghans capturing his family handed it over to the royal troops. In the 37th year Jalala returned

The account of Tirāh is from Akbarnāma, Text, III, p.512, translation, p. 781. For a critical note on the various localities see Beveridge's note 1 on p. 781 of the translation.

<sup>2</sup> Sangchin namūdand, may mean: made stockades or or piled up stones.

<sup>3</sup> For a more detailed account of Man Singh's campaign see Akbarnama, Text, III, pp. 513, 514, translation, pp. 781-784.

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 525, 526, translation, pp. 802, 803. Also see Blochmann Ain, (2nd. edn.) I, p. 388.

<sup>5</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 531, translation, p. 810.

from Turan, and with the help of the same tribes again raised the head of commotion. Asaf Khan Jafar was deputed by the Emperor (to deal with it). The Afghans instead of opposing him took to cajolery, and represented that they had brought him from his home (Yūrat?). Asaf Khān seized his family including a person by the name of Wahadat 'Ali1. In the year 1007 A.H. (1598-99 A.D.) Jalālā seized Ghaznīn, but could not hold it. In the 47th year 1009 A.H. (1600-01 A.D.) Jalala, who with the help of the Lohani tribe had started to attack Shadman Hazara in the Ghaznin District, was wounded, and retired to Koh Rabat. Murad Beg with a body of the servants of Sharif Khan Atga pursued him, and put an end to him. That author of great disturbances, whom for a long time large forces of imperial troops had been following and trying to round up, was thus easily dealt with2. After him Ahdad3, son of Shaikh 'Umar, who was the cousin and son-in-law of Jalal-ud-Din, became his successor and again stirred up strife. His bravery and valiant deeds surpassed the records of Rustam and Afrasiyab. In the regin of Emperor Jahangir he fought hard battles with the royal forces, and was sometimes victorious and at others unsuccessful. At last in 1035 A.H. (1625-26 A.D.) Zafar Khān, son of Khwāja Abūl Hasan Turbatī—who was managing Kābul as the deputy for his father-pressed him hard, and Ahdad took refuge in the fort of Nawaghar4. On the day of the battle (assault) he was killed by a bullet. It is stated that one day before (the battle) he after reading the work Khair-ul-Biyan said, "Tomorrow will be the day of my union (with God)", and so it was. He was succeeded by his son 'Abdul Qadir. He attacked Zafar Khan, and plundered his baggage. At last by the skilled exertions of Sa'id

<sup>1</sup> Based on Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 607, 625, 639-641, translation, pp. 928, 957, 982-984.

2 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 776, translation, p. 1160.

<sup>3</sup> Ahad Dad in the text, but Ahdad in Dabistan and Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri.

<sup>4</sup> The fort is called Nawāk in text, and Nawāghar in Dabistān, but probably it is Nawāghai in Bajaur.

<sup>5</sup> In Dabistān it is stated that Zafar Khān escaped with great difficulty but all his harem were captured.

Khān Bahādur, Governor of Kābul, he accepted royal service, and received the rank of 1,000. When in the year 1043 A.H. (1633-34 A.D.) he died while in service at Kābul, Sa'īd Khān sent Bībī Alā'ī, the wife of Ahdad and who was the daughter of Jalala, with her two sons-in-law Muhammad Zamān and Sāhīb Dād, and Qādir Dād, son of Muhammad Zaman with other companions of 'Abdul Qadir to the Court in the beginning of 1047 A.H. (end of May, 1637 A.D.). Emperor Shah Jahan treated them with kindness and sent them to Rashīd Khān who had charge of the province of Telingāna. In the same year Karīm Dād Kor (blind or leprous), the youngest son of Jalal-ud-Din, who had absconded and was living in the Löhani country, was invited by a number of the Naghaz tribes with evil intentions. They waited for an opportunity of taking him to Tīrāh, and creating a commotion. When Sa'id Khan heard about the projected mischief, he collected hill footmen and archers from the tribes of Afghans who had submitted, and sent them with Raja Jagat Singh to chastise the malcontents. When they reached Naghaz, all the tribes, except Lakan and two others with whom Karim Dad was, submitted. When, however, they saw that their safety lay in surrendering him, they siezed him with his dependents, and made him over (to the royal officers). In accordance with orders Sa'id Khan put him to death. Afterwards when Jumlat-ul-Mulk Sa'd Ullah Khan came on the scene, the daughter of Karim Dad was given to him in marriage, and Lutf Ullah Khan and others were the children born of that chaste lady.

As after Jalāl-ud-Dīn's death Allāh Dād, his son had—owing to the short-sightedness and the mutual envy of the Āfghāns—disputes with his brothers, he left the Rōh country, and migrating to India had been enlisted in the service of Emperor Jahāngīr². By his ability Allāh Dād, in the course of time, attained a high office, and received

<sup>1</sup> According to Dabistān he was made over to Ya'qūb Kashmirī and put to death in 1048 A.H. (1638 A.D.).

<sup>2</sup> He is mentioned a number of times in Tuzuk-i-lahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation) II, pp. 85, 120, 153, 215, 245, but the grant of the title of Rashīd Khān is not mentioned.

the title of Rashīd Khān. He performed valuable service, and in the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān he became a favoured officer. He was exalted by appointment to the rank of 4,000 with 3,000 horse, and appointed an auxiliary in the Deccan. In the 4th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he was with Ā'zam Khān Kōka, the Viceroy of the Deccan, on the day when at the time of bringing forage an engagement took place with the armies of 'Adil Shāh and Nizām-ul-Mulk on the bank of the Mānjra. Shāhbāz Khān Rōhilla—who was an officer of the rank of 4,000—was killed with his son, and Bahādur Khān Rōhilla and Yūsuf Muḥammad Khān of Tāshikand were severely wounded, and fell on the field, Rashīd Khān—whose brother and a number of relations were killed—emerged wounded from the field' and joined Ā'zam Khān.

In short, Rashīd Khān was a very likeable person. He was unique in his days for integrity, good intentions, comprehension, magnanimity, and fellow feeling, and was unequalled for his courage, bravery, politeness, humanity, amiability and consideration. During the long time that he spent in the Deccan he was by his correct advice and dauntless courage a valuable ally of the governors of the Deccan. They did nothing of importance without consulting him. He maintained an efficient force; all his men were devoted to him and treated him as a spiritual Leader. Accordingly Mahābat Khān represented to the Emperor that he was astonished that while Rashid Khan had so many devoted followers, and was so well endowed with intellect and courage, he never thought of becoming presumptuous. It would be advisable to summon him from the Deccan, otherwise the command of the border area should not be given to Khan Zaman who was in complete accord with Rashid Khan. If the two were together they might do something which it would be hard to rectify. Rashid Khan in the government of Burhanpur made such good arrangements, and inspired so much respect that the robbers from the hilly areas, whose depredations used to allow no rest to the inhabitants of the towns,

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 381.

thought it a great gain to escape with their lives. In later days he for a long time governed Telingāna, and was in Nāndair. Up to the present day his sons, and his brother Hādī Dād Khān are holding offices there. In the 22nd year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign, in 1058 A.H. (1648 A.D.) he died while he was Governor of Nāndair. In Shamsābād Ma'ū he established a village, and laid out a garden. His body was conveyed there for burial.

It is stated that he was not very learned, but he was sufficiently well informed about everything. He was unrivalled for his historical knowledge. He was a bigoted Hanafī. On critical examination he excluded many verses in the Hadīqa as interpolations, and learned men admitted his views as correct. In most of his habits and actions he resembled the Irānians. He was a voracious eater, and also used to dispense food in great abundance. The expenses of his harem exceeded those of any other Amīr of the times. He greatly enlarged the Idgāh of Burhānpūr, which was very small, and arranged its water supply through an underground channel. Of his sons Ilhām Ullāh² attained the rank of 1,500 with 1,500 horse, and Asad Ullāh that of 1,500 with 1,500 horse by the 30th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign.

#### RASHĪD KHĀN ILHĀM ULLĀH

(Vol. II, pp. 303-305).

He was the second son of Rashīd Khān<sup>3</sup> Anṣārī. When his father<sup>4</sup> died in the 22nd year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign, the Emperor increased the ranks of Ilhāmullāh and his elder brother Asad Ullāh. In the 28th year when Asad Ullāh, who was the Thānadār of Chāndōr, received an increase to the rank of 1500 with 1,000 horse,

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣālib III, pp. 66, 67.

<sup>2</sup> His biography is published immediately after this notice.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umara, Text, II, pp. 242-250, translation antea pp. 595-601.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālib, III, pp. 66, 67.

and was made fief-holder and Governor of Elichpur, Rashid Khan was appointed Thanadar of Chandor. In the 30th year when Hadi Dad Khān, his uncle, died, and as there was no one more suited than Ilhām Ullah in that line, he was promoted to the rank of 1,500 with 1,500 horse in order that Hadi Dad Khan's contingent might not be scattered. When Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur started from the Deccan for Upper India, he accompanied him. After the battle with Mahārāja Jaswant Singh he was rewarded with a dress of honour and a flag, his rank was raised to 3,000 with 3,000 horse of which 500 were two-horse and three-horse troopers, and he received his father's2 title. After the first battle with Dārā Shikōh he received3 a present of Rs. 20,000, and after the battle with Sultan Shuja he was appointed4 an auxiliary of Prince Muḥammad Sultan, and was sent to Bengal. In the battles and afflictions in that province he greatly helped his commander, and bravely exerted himself in extirminating the enemy. In the 4th year he with the General (Mir Jumla) went to Kuch Bihar (Cooch Bihar) and Assam, and rendered good service. In the 5th year he was, on return from there, appointed in accordance with orders, Faujdar of the Sarkar of Kamrups, and was for a time Governor of Orissa. In the 19th year he was removed from there, and appointed to the Deccan campaign. For a time he was Faujdar of Nandair. He died at his appointed time.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 234.

<sup>2</sup> Alamgirnāma, p. 76.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 128.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 245.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 681 and Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 44.

<sup>6</sup> His removal from the post of the Governor of Orissa is recorded in *Maāthir-i-Ālamgīri*, p. 150. In the 26th year there is a record of his sending a report about the expenses of the Āssām expedition, op. cit., p. 234.

#### RÃO RATAN HĀRĀ

(Vol. II, pp. 208-211).

He was the son of Rão Bhōj¹ Hãrã. He was for a time the object of censure with Emperor Jahangir owing to a fault of his father. In the 3rd year he came to the Court, and was favourably received, and granted the title of Sarbuland's Raī. In the 8th year he was deputed under Sultan Khurram to the expedition against Rana Amar Singh, and in the 10th year he was seconded to the Deccan expedition. Later he received a promotion in his rank4. In the 18th year when Emperor Jahangir became alienated from his distinguished son Shah Jahan at the instigation of various people, the affair ended in an open<sup>5</sup> The said Prince marched to Mandu and crossed the Narbada. Sultan Parviz under the tutelage of Mahabat Khan was deputed to pursue him, and Rão Ratan was also attached to the expedition. After crossing the Narbada, when Shah Jahan went from the borders of Telingana to Bengal, and Sultan Parviz, according to the orders of his father, started for the province of Bihar, Mahabat Khan in the 19th year left Rão Ratan in charge of Burhanpur. When Shah Jahan returned from Bengal, and it was reported that he was going to the Deccan, Rão Ratan wished to come out of the city and oppose him. When this news reached Emperor Jahangir, orders were issued that Rão Ratan should protect the city till he received reinforcements, and

<sup>1</sup> Maathir-ul-Umarā, Text II, pp. 141, 142, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 408, 409. See also Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 510.

<sup>2</sup> The fault was that he refused to give his consent to the marriage of his grand-daughter, the daughter of Jagat Singh, with Emperor Jahāngīr. The marriage, however, took place on 4th Rabī I, 1017 A.H. (18th June, 1608 A.D.)—see Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzūk-i-Jahangīrī, I, p. 145.

<sup>3</sup> Rogers & Beveridge's Tuzūk-i-Jahangīrī, I, p. 140.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 299. In the index two references on pp. 406, 411, to Sarbuland Khān are wrongly included under Sarbuland Rāī or Rāy, as the name is written there.

<sup>5</sup> For a good account of Shah Jahan's rebellion see Beni Prasad, History of Jahangir, pp. 366-386.

must not leave the city to fight. In the 20th year Shah Jahan came to Devalgaon in the Balaghat in Berar, and taking Yaqut Khan Habshi and the army of (Malik) 'Ambar with him came to Burhanpūr, and encamped at La'l Bagh. From one side 'Abdullāh Khān Bahadur, and from the other Muhammad Taqi Sim-Saz, known as Shah Quli Khan, besieged the city, and orders were issued for its capture. Shah Quli Khan with 400 men succeeded in entering the city, and stationing themselves on the terrace of the police station proclaimed that it was Shah Jahan's rule. Sarbuland Rai was in the entrenchments on the other side. He sent his son, but he was defeated after a fight. The Rão pushed forward the elephant Jagājōt and fought in the market place, and behaved bravely. Muhammad Taqī, who had lost all hope of receiving assistance, retired to the fort, and having made a compact came and saw Sarbuland Rai. It is stated that Rão Ratan at the time of the battle said "Marshan?" i.e., "I will die."

In fine, in consequence of the near approach of Sulțān Parvīz with a large army, which in accordance with the Emperor's orders had marched from Allāhābād to the Deccan, and his own illness, Shāh Jahān was forced to retire to the Balāghāt Rōhankhēra (Rōhankhēd). Rāo Ratan was rewarded by promotion to the rank of 5,000 foot with 5,000 horse, and the title of Rām Rāj—than which there was no higher title in the Deccan¹. After Emperor Shāh Jahān's accession he came in the 1st year from his native country of Būndī, and did homage². He received a robe of honour, a decorated dagger, the former rank of 5,000 foot with 5,000 horse, a flag, a drum, a horse with golden saddle, and an elephant. In the same year he was deputed with Khān Khānān for the chastisement of the Uzbegs who had started a commotion towards Kābul. In the 3rd year he was sent with a force under his command to Telingāna, and the order was

<sup>1</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-Jabāngīrī, pp. 243, 244; Khāfī Khān, I, pp. 354-357; Beni Prasad, op. cit., pp. 383-385. In the last work Yāqūt Khān's name is incorrectly given as Yakub Khān.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, p. 185.

issued that he should halt in the pargana of Bāsim in Berār, and arrange for the taking of Telingāna, and stop the coming and going of the rebels. When the expedition to that territory, at the request of Naṣīrī Khān was assigned to him, Rām Rāj in compliance with the orders of summons returned to the Court, and did homage. Later, when the command of the Deccan army was given to Yamīn-ud-Daula Āṣaf Khān, Rāo Rām Rāj was appointed to assist him. In the 4th year, corresponding to 1040 A.H. (1630-31 A.D.) he died in the Bālāghāt camp. Satr Sāl, who was his grandson and heir, and Mādhū Singh, his second son, were consoled by the grant of royal favours. Separate accounts of the two have been included.

#### RAUSHAN-UD-DAULAH BAHADUR RUSTAM JANG

(Vol. II, pp. 333-336).

His name was Khwāja Muzaffar, and he was a descendant of the Naqshbandī Khwājas. His grandfather, Khwāja Nāṣir by name, came to India during the time of Emperor Shāh Jahān, and was a companion of Sultān Shujā'. He gradually rose to the rank of 1,500 with 500 horse, and was honoured with the title of Muḥammad Fakhr-ud-Dīn Khān. After the battle which took place between the said Prince and Emperor Aurangzīb in the vicinity of Khajua, and after Sultān Shujā' retired to Bengāl, the said Khān, who had charge of the harem, and some of his relations fell at the gate (of the Zanana, deorī). His son, Khwāja 'Abdul Qādir by name, who survived him, lived as a dervish; he died in the time of Emperor Farrukh Siyar. Khwāja Muzaffar was his son, and at first was in the service of Rafī'-

In the account of Rao Ratan in Tod's Rajasthan (1914 edn.), II, pp. 385, 386, it is stated that he was killed near Burhanpur, but his death in the Balaghat is recorded in Bādsbābnāma, I, p. 401.

<sup>2</sup> For Satr Sal's account see *Maathir-ul-Umara*, Text, II, pp. 260-263. Madhu Singh Hara's account is printed in the same work, Text, III, pp. 453-456, translation antea pp. 1-3.

ush-Shan, and attained the rank of 1,500 with 500 horse, and received the title of Zafar Khān. After the said Prince was killed1, Zafar Khān renounced the world, and became a companion of Shāh Bhīk, who was famous as a worker of miracles. When the affairs underwent a change, and Farrukh Siyar's arrival from Patna to fight with Jahandar Shah was reported, Zafar Khan left the dervish, and went to Farrukh Siyar as the bearer of good news. Through the intermediation of Husain 'Alī Khān he was favoured with an interview and was appointed to the rank of 5,000 with 5,000 horse, and granted a flag, a drum, a fringed palanquin, and the title of Zafar Khān² Rustam Jang. He was also exalted by appointment as the 3rd Bakhshi. After the battle with Jahandar Shah, which resulted in Farrukh Siyar getting the kingdom, his rank was increased to 7,000 with 7,000 horse, and he received the title of Raushan-ud-Daulah and the insignia of the Fish. In the time of the supremacy of the Barah Saiyids he as a matter of policy joined their party. Later when the throne passed to Muhammad Shah, and through the exigency of Fate the Emperor's favourite Köki-who was an eloquent and clever woman-became all powerful in the affairs of the State, and was the sole arbiter of all affairs, Raushan-ud-Daulah allied himself with her, and became the intermediary for all men. Without regard to rank or dignity, everyone who came forward, had to pay a sum of money as tribute to the Emperor, and presents to Koki and to the Khwaja. Gradually he became a rich man, and in the reign of this Emperor the title of Yar Wafādār (the Faithful Friend) was added to his other titles. In the year 1149 A.H. (1736-37 A.D.) he died. He was devoid of outward attainments, but was very humane and courteous. He acquired a name for his benevolence to the poor. His expenditure on the anniversary celebrations ('Urs') of his spiritual teacher, who

2 He is Khwaja Muzastar Panipati of Later Mughals, I, p. 260.

<sup>1</sup> Rafi-ush-Shān was killed in the battle against Jahāndār Shāh near Lahore on 21st Safar 1124 A.H. (30th March, 1712 A.D.), see *Later Mughals*, I, pp. 146,183-185.

is buried at Panipat, and his lighting up the road from the Capital to the tomb of Khwāja Qutb-ud-Dīn Bakhtiyār Kākī are famous.1 As he always had the end of his turban sticking up as a crest (Turra), and even his servants, both horse and foot, adopted the same fashion, he became known as Ţurrābaz Khān². He had many children. The best of them was Qāim Khān, who came to the Deccan to see his sister who was married to Nawab Nāṣir Jang the Martyr. After a time he returned to Delhī. Another son also came to the Deccan some years back, and received a high rank, and the title of Muzaffar-ud-Daulah, and later died. Raushanud-Daulah had two brothers. One who was of a military turn of mind was Fakhr-ud-Daulah3 Shujā'at Jang who rose to the rank of 7,000. He was at first Bakbshi of the Ahdis. In the reign of Muhammad Shāh he was appointed Governor of Patna, and was there for seven Later he was removed from there, and appointed Governor of Kashmir, and after spending three years there was recalled to the After Nādir Shāh's departure from India he was appointed Court. Governor of the province of Gujarāt. When the Marathas became supreme there, he could not arrange matters with them. In a battle his equippage was plundered, and he was made a prisoner. time he was in prison. After his release he started for Delhī, but on reaching the town of Dohad he died. He had several sons. The best of them was Muhammad Kabīr Khān, who came to the Deccan in the time of Salabat Jang, and was appointed Bakhshi of the province He reached the rank of 8,000 and had the title of Khan Khānān. He died in 1191 A.H. (1777 A.D.). He was of a friendly disposition, and fond of society. His children are alive. The second brother was Roshan-ud-Daulah Munawwar 'Alī Khān, who had the

I For a detailed notice of Raushan-ud-Daulah Rustam Jang see Later Mughals, II, pp. 266, 267. For Quth-ud-Din Bakhtiyar Kākī see Tārīkh-i-Firishta (Newal Kishore edn.), II, pp. 378-383, and his tomb at Delhī Sir Saiyid Ahmad's Āthār-uṣ-Ṣanādid (Lucknow, 1900 edn.), pp. 75, 76.

<sup>2</sup> Khāfi Khān, II, p. 908.

<sup>3</sup> Beale's Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1894 edn.), p. 126.

title of Muftkhar-ud-Daulah. He, after the appointment of Fakhr-ud-Daulah as the Governor of 'Azīmābād (Patna) was, in his place, appointed Bākhshī of the Ahdīs:

## RI·ĀYAT KHĀN ZAHĪR-UD-DAULAH

(Vol. II, pp. 332,333).

He was the uterine brother of Muhammad Amin Khan Bahadur<sup>1</sup>, and was the husband of the daughter of Qulij Khān2. But there was not such harmony, as there should be, between the brothers. During the days when Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh Bahādur after the seizure of Farrukh Siyar went's to settle Malwa, Ri'ayat Khan went with him to that province. He also accompanied Asaf Jah during the latter's retreat towards the Deccan, and rendered valuable services in the battles against Saiyids Dilāwar 'Alī Khān and 'Ālam 'Alī Khān'. His rank was consequently raised to 5,000 with 5,000 horse, and he was granted the ritle of Zahīr-ud-Daulah, and appointed Governor of Mālwa. As this was contrary to the wish of I timad-ud-Daulah Muhammad Amın Khan Bahadur-who was the permanent Vazir-Aşaf Jah recalled him from there, and gave him the fief of pargana Bālāpūr in In the battle with Mubariz Khan Imad-ul-Mulk he distinguished himself, and received some wounds. After two days in the year 1136 A.H. (1724 A.D.) he died of these wounds. His son was 'Azīm Ullāh Khān, whose mother was Qulīj Khān's daughter. His wife was the daughter of 'Itimad-ud-Daulah Qamr-ud-Din Khan.

<sup>1</sup> I'timād-ud-Daulah Muhammad Amīn Khān Chin Bahādur son of Mīr Bahā'-ud-Dīn for whom see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 346.350, translation antea pp. 114-117.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā. Text, III, pp. 120-123, translation antea pp. 539-541.

<sup>3</sup> Later Mughals, I, p. 405.

<sup>4</sup> He was left in-charge of Burhanpur when Asaf Jah marched to fight against Dilawar 'Ali Khan, Later Mugbals, II, p, 28. He was with the main body of the army in the battle against 'Alam 'Ali Khan, op. cit., p. 47.

<sup>5</sup> Later Mughals, II, p. 148.

At the time when Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh after being appointed Vazīr received the governorship of Ujjain (Mālwa) in the name of his eldest son Ghāzī-ud-Dīn Fīrūz Jang, he deputed 'Azīm Ullāh Khān as his deputy there¹. Afterwards he went to the Court, and stayed with his father-in-law. He had a choleric temperament. His disrespectful remarks to the Emperor and the Vazīr of the time are well known. In the time of Nādir Shāh he was appointed to collect the fines² levied on the inhabitants of Shāhjahānābād (Delhī). He died at his appointed time.

## (RĀJA) RŌZ AFZŪN (Vol. II, pp. 218, 219).

He was the son of Rāja Sangrām³, a landholder on the borders of Bihār. In the reign of Emperor Akbar when Shāhbāz Khān Kambū was appointed to the Eastern districts, and the imperial forces passed near the fort of Mahdā, which belonged to Rāja Sangrām, the said Khān decided to besiege it. Sangrām gave a proof of his loyalty by handing over the keys of the fort⁴. He never went to the Court, but he always faithfully served the governors of the province. In the 1st year of Emperor Jahāngīr's reign Jahāngīr Qulī Khān Lāla Bēg, Governor of the province, led an army against him⁵ and during the

- 1 He was replaced by Rāja Girdhar Bahādur, op. cit., p. 153.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 373, and Fraser, History of Nadir Shah (1742), p. 201.
- 3 He was the Rāja of Kharagpūr in the Monghyr subdivision. See Blochmann A'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 494, note 2, Proc. Aš. Soc. Bengal for 1870, pp. 306, 307, and O'Malley's Gazetteer of Mongbyr (1909), pp. 34, 35, 214, 215.
- 4 Akbarnāma, Text, III. p. 186, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 261. The name of the fort is Mahad or Mahdā in the text, and Beveridge has Mahad in the translation. Blochmann, op. cit., p. 306, noted that he could not find Mahdā on any of the maps.
- 5 This is not mentioned in Tūzku-i-labāngīrī. It is, however, noted on p. 296 of first volume of the translation that he had "been killed in opposing the leaders of the State".

battle he died of a gun-shot wound. Rāja Rōz Afzūn was from his early years in the Emperor's service, and embraced Islam. In the 8th year he was appointed Governor of his home country and received the gift of an elephant. By the end of the reign of that Emperor he had attained the rank of 1,500 foot with 700 horse2. In the 1st year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he was deputed3 with Mahābat Khān Khān Khānān towards Kābul to repel Nadhar Muhammad Khān ruler of Balkh who had raised the standard of revolt, and later for the chastisement4 of Jujhar Singh Bundela. In the 3rd year he went with A'zam Khān with the army which was under his command in the name of Shāista Khān and received an increase of 100 horse5. In the 4th year he went with Nasīrī Khān to Nāndair. In the 6th year he was appointed to the Deccan campaign in attendance on Muhammad Shuja, and some of his men were killed in the siege of Parenda. In the 8th year his rank was advanced to 2,000 with 1,000 horse, and in the same year8, corresponding to 1044 A.H. (1634-35 A.D.), he died. His son, Raja Bihrūz had in the 3rd year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign attained the rank of 700 with 700 horse, and was appointed to the campaign to Qandahār etc. In the time of Emperor Aurangzib he rendered valuable services in taking the army under

<sup>1</sup> Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tüzuk-i-lahāngīrī, I, pp. 296, 297. He is described as a confidential servant op. cit., II, p. 236, and was sent to Shāh Jahān to enquire about his presumptuous conduct. His real name was Tōral Mal and he is stated to have been married to a cousin of Emperor Jahāngīr, see O'Malley, op. cit., p. 215, and Rashbihari Bose, Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, XL. pt. 1, pp. 22, 23.

<sup>2</sup> This does not appear to be correct, as in the 1st year of Shāh Jahān's reign his rank is given as 1,500 with 600 horse, see Bādsbāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 182 (The word ) 3 or thousand has by mistake been left out in the printed edition).

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 213.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 241.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 316.

<sup>6</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 35.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 67.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 303.

<sup>9 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, pp. 494, 495, where he is described as Zamindār of Monghyr.

Prince Muḥammad Sultān and Mu'azzam Khān by unknown paths into Bengāl. He also distinguished himself in the battles in Bengāl which Aurangzīb's forces under Mu'azzam Khān had to fight with Shujā'. In the 4th year he was prominent¹ during the taking of Palāmau in Bihār. In the 8th year he died².

## RŌḤ ULLĀH <u>KH</u>ĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 309-315).

He was the second son of Khalīl Ullāh Khān³ of Yazd. In the end of the 2nd year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he was married⁴ to the daughter of Amīr-ul-Umarā Shāista Khān, and was raised to the rank of 1,500, and granted the title of Khān⁵. In the 6th year he was appointed Mīr Bakbshī⁰ of the Abadīs, and became a favourite of the Emperor. In the 10th year his rank was increased to 2,000, and he was appointed Master of the Horse⁵. In the 16th year he was appointed Faujdār of Dhāmūnī⁰, and about the same time was, for some reason, deprived of his rank. Later, in the 18th year he was reinstated in the rank of 1,500 with 400 horse, and appointed⁰ Faujdār of Sahāranpūr. In the 19th year he was reappointed¹⁰ Master of the Horse, and in the 20th year he was appointed to the high office of Khānsāmān¹¹¹ (Chamberlain) in succession to Ashraf Khān. In the 22nd year, on the death of Dārāb Khān he was made Head of the Artillery¹², and in the 24th year became the 2nd Bakhshī¹³ in succession

- 1 Op. cit., pp. 653-658.
- 2 He died in 1665 A.D. vide O'Malley op. cit., p. 35.
- 3 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 775-782, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 767-770. 4 'Alamgirnāma, p. 477.
  - 5 Op. cit., p. 486. 6 Op. cit., p. 830.
  - 7 Op. cit., p. 1061, where Akhta-bēgi is misprinted as Akhtar-bēgi.
  - 8 Maatbir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 127.
  - 9 Op. cit., p. 144. 10 Op. cit., p. 150. 11 Op. cit., p. 156.
- 12 He was reappointed Master of the Horse in the 22nd year, op. cit., p. 172, and later Head of the Artillery, op. cit., p. 176.
  - 13 Op. cit., p. 195.

to 'Aqil Khan Khawasi. When the extensive territories of the Deccan became the centre of activities of the royal forces, he, because of his capabilities for management and service, was sent in advance for the chastisement and eradication of the recalcitrants. In the 26th year his mother Hamida Banu Begum who was the Emperor's maternal aunt, died. Nawab Zeb-un-Nisa Begam, the second daughter of the Emperor, and his favourite amongst his children went to Ruh Ullah Khān's house, and consoled him. Prince Muhammad Kām Bakhsh also visited him, and making him give up mourning brought him to the Presence<sup>1</sup>. He was exalted with numerous favours at the hands of the Emperor. In the same year he went to the Konkan, but later returned. In the 28th year he was exalted by the grant of a drum, and was deputed to chastise the rebels of Bijapūr whom Prince Muḥammad A'zam Shah was besieging. In the end of the same year, when the Emperor was encamped near Shōlāpūr, he came from Bījāpūr, and was appointed to Ahmadnagar in place of Khan Firuz Jang. In the 30th year in the month of Dhul Qa'da, when a week had not elapsed since the taking of Bijapur, he was, on the death of Ashraf Khan, appointed Mir Bakhshi2. During those days when the victorious imperial standards proceeded for the conquest of Haidarābād, Rūh Ullāh Khān was promoted to the rank of 5,000 with 4,000 horse, and was left to govern the scattered areas of the Bijapur Suba, which was still not free from commotion3. Later, when the siege of Golkonda (Golconda) was protracted, the said Khan, in accordance with the orders of summons, arrived, and was appointed to take steps for reducing the fort. Ruh Ullah Khan had recourse to trickery, and through Ranmast Khān the elder he seduced from loyalty Abdullah Khān Panī of Bījāpūr alias Sarāndāz Khān—who before the conquest of Bījāpūr had entered imperial service, but had again gone over to Abul Hasan and became his trusted servant. Ruh Ullah Khan by his clever diplomacy won him over. Accordingly that faithless, disloyal man at midnight on

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 223.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 281.

24th Dhul Qa'da (21st September, 1687) brought in Bakhshī-ul-Mulk with Ranmast Khān and Mukhtār Khān—who were prowling round the fort looking for an opportunity—by the Khirkī Gate, which was assigned to the charge of that faithless man ('Abdullāh Khān). The Bakhshī-ul-Mulk at once went to the house of Abūl Ḥasan—who was sleeping carelessly—and arrested him before he or those around him could offer any resistance<sup>1</sup>.

It is stated that when the noise of the arrests made by the Bakhshī-ul-Mulk rose high, the women of the harem raised a tremendous outcry. Abul Hasan was not in the least disconcerted, and tried to comfort everyone. Having asked forgiveness and taken leave of all he came and sat down in his place. He exchanged greetings with his newly arrived friends and uninvited guests, and without a frown or loss of dignity he discoursed with them till dawn. the steward reported that food was ready, he partook of it. Ullah Khan expressed his surprise and enquired, "Is this a time for food." Abul Hasan either did not understand or purposely retorted, "It is my time for food." Ruh Ullah Khan said, "I know, but how can you want to eat at such a critical time!" He replied, "You speak truly, but my belief is that God will never withdraw his kind eye from his humble servant. I spent a long time in poverty and destitution. Suddenly I became a king when I never expected anything like it. Now when it is the time for retribution for sundry acts (of mine), the bridle of my authority has been placed in the hands of one like Emperor Aurangzīb. It is a time for thanks, not for complaints."2

In short, this victory occurred in the 31st year, 1098 A.H.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 299. See also Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 361, 362. Khirkī means a wicket, but here apparently it must have been Kirkī, the old name of Aurangābād.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This account is taken almost verbatim from Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 363-365. See also Siyar-ul-Mutaākbkbirin (Calcutta reprint), IV, p. 231, according to which Abūl Hasan had spent 15 or 16 years as a dervish.

(1687 A.D.), and Fath Qil'a Golkonda mubarak bad1 (May the conquest of the fort of Golkonda be auspicious!) is its chronogram. Then the Emperor proceeded to settle the affairs of the extensive territory of Bijapur, and appointed2 Ruh Ullah Khan to the government of Haidarabad, which received the name of Dar-ul-lihad. Later, he came to the Presence, and in the beginning of the 33rd year was appointed to take the fort of Raichur from the infidels. said Khān by vigorous efforts conquered that fort, and was rewarded with approbation and praise. The fort was named Fīrūznagar4. In the 35th year he was deputed to punish the Zamindar of Sakar and Wagingera. In the beginning of the 36th year his daughter 'Ayisha Begum was married to Prince Muhammad 'Azīm the second son of Prince Shah 'Alam Bahadur. In the end of the same year, 1103 A.H. (1691-92 A.D.) he died in Qutbabad Gaigala. The chronogram is: Rūḥ dar tan-i-mulk namānd: .1103 (The soul did not remain in the body of the country or peace departed from the country). When he was dying Emperor Aurangzib went to visit him. That faithful and loyal servant in the state when he was breathing almost his last breath recited this verse:

What a pleasure (niyāz) must be there in this world of supplication (niyāzmandī)!

When at the time of yielding up life you have come to his head.

The said Khān was very wise and acute, and was possessed of many good and pleasant qualities. He was a good conversationalist and expert scribe. Most of his petitions were approved and accepted

<sup>1</sup> The chronogram was composed by Mir 'Abdul Karim, see Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 300.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 305.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 331.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 332, 333.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 347.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 348. The verse quoted above which he recited when the Emperor visited him is also given there.

by the Emperor. More extraordinary still, the disposition of the Emperor was very religious, and Rūḥ Ullāh Khān flourished in a daily market of intrigue and turmoil, and was busy in giving and taking, but the Emperor had much confidence in him, for in spite of his alertness and persistence Rūḥ Ullāh Khān so managed to conceal his actions, and represented them so cleverly that the Emperor was obliged to accept his statements.

It is stated that a Raja had got into difficulties owing to the very protracted nature of the Deccan campaign, and the delay in the receipt of money from his fief in Upper India. He repeatedly took advances from that State treasury through Ruh Ullah Khan. Again he wanted an advance, but Rüh Ulläh Khan would not allow it. The Raja being obliged said that whatever he got from the treasury he would give two-thirds of it to Ruh Ullah Khan in recognition of his help and keep only one third for himself. Ruh Ullah Khan made a good report on his petition, and procured Rs. 30,000 for him. According to the agreement he gave the Raja Rs. 10,000. His enemies reported the affair in detail to the Fmperor, and the latter after two or three days enquired of the said Khan whether the Raja had taken his money from the treasury. He at once replied, "These men for their own selfish ends come at all times, and are disgustingly importunate, and we servants have not the courage always to be making representations. So for the present I have given Rs. 10,000 to his agent, and kept the rest. When he asks for it, it will be given to him in instalments."

The Amīr, however, tried to be bounteous, and to help in furthering the work of the people. He opened the gates of prosperity for all, whether far or near. He was unique amongst Aurangzīb's officers for his liberality and pleasant countenance. His elder son, Saif Ullāh Khān, died six months after him. The second son was Khānazād Khān¹, who received his father's title; his account has been separately given. His third son Bairām Khān Muḥammad Bāqir was alive in the time of Emperor Muḥammad Shāh, and enjoyed some fiefs.

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 315-317, translation II, pp. 616, 617.

#### RÜH ULLAH KHAN KHANAZAD KHAN

(Vol. II, pp. 315-317).

He was the son of Ruh Ullah Khan the Ist. At first he had a suitable rank and the title of Khanazad Khan. In the 28th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he was deputed to escort<sup>2</sup> Udaipūrī Maḥal, the Emperor's lady, from Aurangabad or Ahmadnagar where the Emperor's camp was. In the 33rd year when the fort of Firuznagar or Raichur had been taken through the excellent efforts of his father, the late Ruh Ullah Khan, Khanazad Khan became a favourite of the Emperor and was promoted to the rank of 1,500 with 600 horse3. In the 35th year his rank was advanced to 2,000 with 700 horse4. When his father died in the 36th year, his rank became 2,500 with 1,000 horse, and he was appointed Qurbegi (Keeper of the Arsenal) in succession to Mukhlis Khan. In the 38th year he was appointed Superintendent of the Grooms, and later made Head of the Artillery in succession to Mukhlis Khan, and granted an increase of 500 in his rank6. In the 30th year he was deputed with a force for the chastisement of Santa Ghorpare. Unfortunately a misfortune happened to him-which has been detailed in the biography of Qasim Khan Karmānī<sup>7</sup>—and he escaped from the Marathas by sacrificing all his baggage8. The Emperor after hearing of this catastrophe appointed him to the charge of Bidar. In the end of the 40th year he came to Court, and in the 41st year was granted the title of Ruh Ullah Khān, and was appointed10 Khānsāmān (Chamberlain) in succession to Fādil Khān Burhān-ud-Dīn, who had resigned. Later he was appointed in addition Superintendent<sup>11</sup> of the Dīvān-i-Kbās on the

4 Op. cit., pp. 340, 341.

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 309-315, translation antea, pp. 611-615.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, pp. 252, 253,

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 332, 333.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 349. 6 Op. cit., p. 370.

<sup>7</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, III, pp. 123-126, translation antea, pp. 505-507.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., pp. 375-379.

<sup>9</sup> Op. cit., p. 379.

to Op. cit., p. 386.

<sup>11</sup> Op. cit., p. 392.

death of Siyādat Khān Saiyid Oghlān. In the 43rd year he was made¹ Superintendent of the Iilau (body-guard) in succession to Dhulfiqār Khān. In the conquest of the forts of Satāra and Parlī he rendered good service, and in the 44th year was appointed² 2nd Bakhshī in succession to Mukhlis Khān. After the taking of the fort of Sakhr-un-nā he was granted an increase of 200 horse³. In the 48th year, correponding to the year 1115 A.H. (1703-04 A.D.) in the height of his youth⁴ he died. His sons Khalīl Ullāh Khān and I'tiqād Khān—who later received the title of Rūh Ullāh Khān—received mourning robes. They came to the Court, and paid their respects. The daughter of the deceased received jewels valued at Rs. 5,000.

#### RŪPSĪ

#### (Vol. II, pp. 109-111).

He<sup>5</sup> was the brother's son of Rāja Bihārā Mal<sup>6</sup>. In the end of the 6th year he entered Emperor Akbar's service, and was the recipient of special favours. In the 20th year when Mīrzā Sulaimān getting despaired of receiving reinforcements, went off for pilgrimage to Mecca, he was sent<sup>7</sup> off with the Mīrzā as a guide. His son Jaimal waited upon the Emperor before his other relations, and was for a time with Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn Ḥusain, who was the Jāgīrdār of the neighbourhood of Ajmēr. The Mīrzā had appointed him as the

1 Op. cit., p. 406.

2 Op. cit., p. 434.

3 Op. cit., p. 459.

- 4 Op. cit., p. 488.
- 5 See also Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 472, where his name is given as Rūpsī Bairāgī. He was a Kachwāha Rājpūt. Both the accounts deal mainly with the affairs of the son Jaimal rather than of the father Rūpsī.
- 6 For Rāja Bihārā or Bihārī Mal see *Maāthir-ul-Umarā*, II, pp. 111-113, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 409-411. Rūpsī with his son Jaimal came and did homage at Deosa in the 6th year, *Akbarnāma*, Text, II, p. 240, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 241.
- 7 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 163, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 231. He was sent with Mīrzā Sulaimān to "see him through the difficult parts up to the Gujarat ports."

Thānadār of Mairtha. When the affairs of the Mīrza fell into confusion, Jaimal in the 17th year arrived at the Court, and was appointed in the vanguard of the force which was deputed to Gujarāt under the command of Khān Kalān. In the rapid march to Gujarāt, which was carried out in the 18th year, Jaimal was in close attendance on the Emperor's stirrups. In the 21st year he was seconded to the force which with a number of other officers was sent to chastise Dūdā, son of Rāī Surjan, who having gone to his native country of Būndī was behaving oppressively. Later he was sent by relay of horses (dāk chankī) towards Bengāl to encourage the officers there, and to inform them about certain matters. As he rode very fast and the sun was very hot, the lamp of his life was extinguished by the strong wind of death at the Chausa ferry.

It is stated that his wife, who was the daughter of the Mōta (Fat) Rāja, was unwilling to burn herself on hearing of his death, as is the custom in Hindūstān. Ūdai Singh her son and some others wanted to force her to burn herself. When this news recched the Emperor, and as there was little time for delay, he got on horseback and went off to the house so rapidly that his escort could not keep up with him. When he approached the house, Jagan Nāth and Rāīsāl seized the son and brought him to the Presence. As he showed signs of repentance, he was put in prison.

The author of the Akbarnāma has recorded that when the Emperor after his rapid march reached near Aḥmadābād, and on the day when the battle with Muḥammad Ḥusain Mīrzā took place, Jaimal was wearing a very heavy cuirass (bagtar). Emperor Akbar having pity on him presented him a coat of mail from the royal armoury, and

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 12, translation, p. 17. In a note on the same page Beveridge on the authority of Iqbālnāma states that it was Vazīr Jamīl and not Jaimal.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 49, translation, p. 69.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 184, translation, p. 258.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 402, translation, pp. 595, 596. Udai Singh was pardoned, but put in prison.

gave his cuirass to Karan, the grandson of Māldēo, who was not wearing any armour. Rūpsī, Jaimal's father, on hearing of the affair was offended, and sent someone to demand back his cuirass. The Emperor said that he had given (Jaimal) another in exchange. Rūpsī became more annoyed, and took off his own armour. The Emperor overlooked the insult, and threw off his own armour, and said that if his men proposed to try their bravery without armour, it was not proper that he also should wear any armour. Rāja Bhagwant Das perceiving what had passed, took Rūpsī to task, and brought him round to apologize. He represented that Rūpsī had taken bhang, and begged for the pardon of his offences. The Emperor accepted the excuses and forgave him¹.

# RŪP SINGH RĀTHŌR (Vol. II, pp. 268-270).

He was the grandson of Kishan Singh Rāthōr, the younger brother of Rāja Sūraj Singh. When his uncle Harī Singh died in the 17th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign without leaving any son, the Emperor granted Rūp Singh, his brother's son, a robe of honour, an increase in rank, and a horse with a silver saddle, and gave him in fief Kishangarh his uncle's territory<sup>2</sup>. In the 18th year on the occasion of the celebrations for the recovery of health by the eldest daughter of the Emperor, the Bēgam Ṣāhiba—who had been ailing for a time owing to her dress catching fire from the flame of a lamp and the burning of her body—he was promoted to the rank of 1,000 with 700 horse<sup>3</sup>. In the 19th year he went with Prince Murād Bakhsh for the conquest of Balkh and Badakhshān. After reaching

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 49, 50, translation, pp. 69, 70.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, p. 373. Kishangarh is a State in the centre of Rājpūtāna with an area about 858 miles, see *Imperial Gazetteer*, XV, p. 310. A brief account of the chiefs of the State in the Mughal days is included on p. 311 of the same work.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 399.

Balkh when Nadhar Muhammad the ruler of the place took to flight without waiting on the Prince, Bahadur Khan and Asalat Khan, in accordance with the Prince's orders, went to pursue him; Rup Singh in his eagerness accompanied them without permission1. After the battle with Nadhar Muhammad, and the repeated chastisement of the Alamans in which he performed brave deeds, Rup Singh in the 20th year was promoted2 to the rank of 1,500 with 1,000 horse. In the 21st year he was exalted with the grant of a flag. In the 22nd year his rank was increased<sup>3</sup> to 2,500 foot with 1,200 horse, and he went to Qandahar in the company of Prince Muhammad Aurangzib Bahadur. After reaching there, he hastened to Zamin Dawar with Rustam Khan, and rendered good service in the battle with the Iranians. In the 23rd year he was promoted to the rank of 3,000 foot with 1,500 horse, and in the 25th year received a further increase of 1,000 foot with 500 horse, and the gift of a kettle-drum, and was deputed a second time to Qandahar in attendance on the said Prince. In the 26th year he went for the third time on the Qandahar campaign with Prince Dara Shikoh, and his rank was increased to 4,000 with 2,500 horse. In the 28th year he was deputed with 'Allami Sa'd Ullah Khan to demolish Chittor, and his rank was fixed at 4,000 with 3,000 horse. He also received the Pargana of Mandalgarh in Sarkar Chittor from the territory of the Rānā, with its rental of 80 lacs of dams as his fief. In the battle of Samugarh he was in the vanguard of Dārā Shikoh. In the course of the fight he bravely passed the opponent's artillery, vanguard and

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 540.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 554. 3 'Amal Sāliḥ, III, p. 69.

<sup>4</sup> There seems to be some mistake in reference to his rank in 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 100, for it is stated that his rank was increased to 2,000 with 1,200 horse. He already held the rank of 2,500 with 1,200 horse.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 157.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 194. Rām Singh's deputation on this campaign is not mentioned in the work, nor his receiving the grant of Māndalgarh as a reward.

Iltimish, and coming face to face with Emperor Aurangzīb's elephant did all that was possible. Finally he dismounted, and got under the Emperor's elephant in order to cut the girth of the howdah. The Emperor watched his bravery, and strictly ordered his men to take him alive, but the men gave him no chance and cut him with a sword in the year¹ 1068 A.H. (1658 A.D.). His son Mān Singh attained² the rank of 3,000 in Emperor Aurangzīb's reign, and in the 35th year accompanied Dhulfiqār Khān for the conquest of the fort of Gingee. When Bahādur Shāh came to the throne, the headship of the territory of his home district Kishangarh was granted to Rāj Singh, known as Rāja Bahādur, who was the maternal uncle of Sulṭān 'Azīmush-Shān, and who was with Bahādur Shāh in Kābul in the hopes of obtaining the chiefship. Mān Singh was granted the rank of 3,000. At the time of writing Bahādur Singh younger son of Rāja Bahādur is in possession of the territory.

# RUSTAM DIL KHAN

(Vol. II, pp. 324-328).

He was the son of Jān Sipār Khān³ Banī Mukhtār, and the daughter's son of Mīrzā Khalīl Khān Zamān⁴. He was one of the promising sons of Amīrs, and in his father's lifetime became known for his skill and intelligence. He managed the affairs of the province of Haidarābād of which his father was the Governor. When in the 45th year Jān Sipār Khān died, the governorship of that province was made over to the agents of Prince Muḥammad Kām Bakhsh. As

<sup>1</sup> Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 27, 28, and Sir Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, II, p. 394.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 405. He was promoted to this rank in the 43rd year.

<sup>3</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 535-537, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 751, 752.

<sup>4</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 785-792, Beveridge & Prashad's translation. I, pp. 804-807. His name is given there as Mīr Khalīl.

Rustam Dil Khan had been connected with its management since his father's time, and was thoroughly acquainted with its affairs, he was appointed the Deputy Governor. As a result of an increase of 500 with 500 horse his rank was advanced to 1,500 with 1,000 horse1. In the 48th year he in succession to Salabat Khan was appointed Faujdar of Karnātik (Carnatic), and Bījāpur, and granted an increase of 500 with 1,000 horse2. In the 49th year in succession to Dā'ūd Khān he was again appointed deputy at Haidarābād, and his rank was advanced to 2,500 with 2,500 horse3. When Emperor Aurangzīb died, Rustam Dil Khān skilfully and taking advantage of the prevailing conditions enlisted a large number of soldiers, and exerted himself all round in punishing the malcontents. He spent a year and some months in independence. Prince Muhammad Kam Bakhsh, who had been appointed to the government of Bijapur by his father, and had assumed sovereignty during the time of confusion, sent Ahsan Khan alias Mir Malangwho was his Mir Bakhshi, and generalissimo-to the Karnātik. He thought that whatever he could get into his hands would be so much gain, and so turned his attention to the conquest of the fort of Golkonda (Golconda) and Haidarābād. As Rustam Dil Khān had four or five thousand choice troopers with him, the Prince was apprehensive of him, and marched slowly. At last through the diplomacy4 and craft of Ahsan Khan, and though the Commandant of the Golkonda fort did not submit, Rustam Dil Khan was deceived by his flattery and coaxing, and becoming satisfied about the intentions of the Prince by confirming arrangements with an oath taken on the Qur'an, he was induced to welcome him.

It is stated that the Prince arrived without any equipment and in a wretched condition, with his men badly equipped, while Rustam

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 439.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 483.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 494. The rank after promotion should be 2,500 with 1,500 norse.

<sup>4</sup> Khāfi Khān, II, p. 609.

Dil Khan went forward to receive him with well set-up troops. that time he might have done what he liked, but sticking to his promise, he obeyed the Prince in every respect, and brought him to the city. As a result of his sincerity he did not advise the siege of the fort, but suggested ways and means for selecting officers, settling affairs, and collecting the revenue. As Ahsan Khan was the generalissimo and the experienced administrator of the Prince's establishment, he also acted as the intermediary. He and Rustam Dil Khān met a number of times, and mutual entertainments and exchanges of presents were effected. Hakim Muhsin Taqarrub Khan—who was the Vazir—and Ihtiad Khan-who had become vainglorious as a result of his association with the Prince—were filled with enmity—as invariably happens amongst rivals—and were so insane as to impress the Prince with the belief that Ahsan Khan and Rustam Dil Khan had combined together, and meant to imprison him. That madman who could not di cinguish a friend from a foe, immediately wrote a note with his own hand to Rustam Dil Khan to the effect that he was writing an answer to Bahadur Shah's letter, and that he wanted the benefit of his opinion and asked him to come quickly. When Rustam Dil Khan arrived, the Prince seated him in the oratory, and himself went into the female apartments. Immediately there was a rush of men and Rustam Dil Khān was arrested. After three days the hands and feet of that oppressed Saiyid were bound and he was cast at the feet of his own riding elephant. But however much they tried that loyal animal would not put his foot forward. At last they brought another elephant, and after killing him in this way pilloried his body through the city. He was buried in the building known as Amli Mahal. His wife fortified her house, and prepared for battle. Several persons were killed and wounded, and at last she, her son, and Mir Husain brother of Rustam Dil Khan were made prisoners, and the house was confiscated1. His building is still existent in Haidarabad, and is used

<sup>1</sup> The account is apparently based on Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 609-612. According to this account Rustam Dil Khān was buried under the trees in the garden known as Amli Mahal.

as the residence of the Governor. Of his sons, Jān Sipār Khān, who received the title of his grandfather, is at present greatly respected. Half of the Pargana of Amrāpūr in Sarkār Mahkar—which is one of the best developed estates of the time—has long been in his possession. He has several times served as  $\underline{Kh}$ ānsāmān of the government of Āṣaf Jāh. At the time of writing he is the  $D\overline{v}v$ ān, which is the highest post, but as these appointments are not lasting, and those holding offices under this government always expect a change, they regard the appointments as temporary and only for limited periods.

## (SAIYID) RUSTAM KHĀN DECCANĪ

(Vol. II, pp. 502-504).

He was the son of Saiyid Sharza Khān Saiyid Iliyās. The home of his ancestors was Bokhārā. One of them came to India, and took up his residence at Ajmer. By association with the people of the place he embraced the Mahdavī religion. Saiyid Iliyās went to the Deccan, and became a servant of the rulers of Bijapur, and received the title of Sharza Khān. He became a leader, and in the 9th year of the reign of Emperor Aurangzīb he was killed by the imperial forces, which had been deputed under the command of Mīrzā Rāja Jai Singh to chastise 'Ādil Khān and devastate his territory, and during which campaign several battles took place. His son was appointed Commander of the army in his father's place, and granted the title of Sharza Khān. Although there was no authority or system in the affairs of Bījāpūr, he flourished for a long time. In the 30th year when Bijapur was conquered, and Sikandar 'Adil Khan submitted (to Emperor Aurangzīb), he also did likewise. He was granted a robe of honour, a sword, an ornamented dagger with a chain of pearls, a horse with gold trappings, an elephant with silver trappings, the rank of 6,000 with 6,000 horse, and exalted by the title of Rustam Khān1. Gradually he rose to the rank of 7,000 with 7,000 horse. Later he was deputed2 with Khan Firuz Jang to conquer the fort of

<sup>1</sup> Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 280.

Ibrāhīmgarh, a dependency of Haidarābād, and which is now known as Ahangarh. Afterwards he came to the Presence, and on the day of the attack on Gölkonda he adorned the face of his loyalty with the cosmetic of wounds1. After this he was appointed to guard the district of Satara. In the 33rd year the sedition-mongers of that territory attacked him and there was a prolonged fight. At last he was defeated, and was captured2 with his family. He was released after paying a large ransom. Later he was attached to Khan Firuz Jang, and managed the government of Berar as his deputy. In the 46th year the Marathas attacked and captured him. He was released in the 48th year, and went to Khan Firuz Jang. His rank was reduced by 1,000 with 1,000 horse3, but in the 49th year he was restored to his former rank. In the beginning of Emperor Bahadur Shāh's reign he was appointed to the charge of the Deccan. After some time he died. He held Balapur and other estates in Berar in fief. His son Saiyid Ghālib Khān, who had joined4 the Emperor's service before him, was killed5 in the battle between Asaf Jah and 'Alam 'Alī Khān in the year 1132 A.H. (1720 A.D.). Saiyid Fatāh Khān, Saiyid Iliyas, and Saiyid Uthman were also his sons, and left offsprings. They hold the hereditary estates in Berar.

## RUSTAM KHAN MUQARRAB KHAN

(Vol. II, pp. 270-276).

He was a Circassian. His tribe live on the slopes of the Elburz mountains, for the most part in tents. At first he was in the service of Nizām-ul-Mulk Deccanī, and gained a name for leadership. He was granted the title of Muqarrab Khān. In the 3rd year of the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān, when the latter was in the Deccan, Muqarrab Khān who was the chief swordsman of Nizām-ul-Mulk often confronted

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 295.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 480.

<sup>5</sup> Later Mughals, II, p. 49.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 336.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p 473.

the imperial forces, and surrounded them. When Nizām ul-Mulk imprisoned Fath Khan, son of Malik 'Ambar, who was his Vakil and Commander-in-chief, he appointed Mugarrab Khān his Commanderin-chief, and Hamīd Khān Habshī his Vakīl. After a time, however, he released Fath Khan, and reinstated him as his Minister and Commander-in-chief. Mugarrab Khan, as a result of this unstable behaviour left his service, and tried to enter royal service. In the 4th year he applied to A'zam Khan. When this news was reported to the Emperor, the proposal was approved, and a conciliatory Farman was issued. Mānājī Dauria, who was his agent (pēshdast), came to A'zam Khan, and for his own satisfaction carefully studied the situation. Afterwards Mugarrab Khan with all his companions set off for the royal camp. To welcome him A'zam Khan went as far as the limits of the camp, and brought him to his quarters. On royal accounthe gave him a robe of honour, a jewelled dagger, four horses, a male and a female elephant, and a lac of rupees in cash. Two hundred robes of honour, 100 shawls, and 70 horses were given to his companions. He recommended that Muqarrab Khan should be appointed to the rank of 5,000 foot with 5,000 horse, and suitable ranks were proposed for his companions, who were more than 100 in number1. The Emperor approved the rank proposed for him, and sent<sup>2</sup> a robe of honour, a dagger, a jewelled sword, a flag, a drum, a horse with a golden saddle, and an elephant for him. After a time he went to the Court, and did homage. He was exalted by the grant of a robe of honour, a jewelled dagger with phūl-katāra, a jewelled sword, a horse with gold saddle, an elephant, and Rs. 40,000 in cash3. In the 5th year he received the insignia of the Fish (Māhī-u-Marātib), and was sent from near Akbarābād (Āgra) to Sambhal<sup>5</sup>, which was made

<sup>1</sup> The account of his leaving the service of Nizām-ul-Mulk and arrival at A'zam Khān's camp etc. is based on Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 378, 379. The name of his agent in that work is Tāmaji with the variant Tābāji.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 384.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 408.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 394.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 425.

his fief. In the 8th year he received the title of Rustam Khān1, and was sent2 with Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur who had been appointed to support the army deputed for the chastisement of Jujhar Singh Bundela. In the 10th year he went with Saiyid Khan Jahan Barah for devastating the territory of 'Adil Khan, and rendered good service in the battles. On his return from the Deccan he was allowed to go to his fief. In the 11th year, when the Emperor had gone towards Sōron, he did homage4, received numerous favours, and was permitted to return to his fief. In the 13th year an elephant5 was sent to him by the Emperor. In the 15th year when Lahore was the royal headquarters, he came to the Court, and was sent<sup>6</sup> with Prince Murad Bakhsh, who had been deputed for the chastisement of Jagat Singh Zamindar of Jammun. He exerted himself in the conquest of Jagat Singh's forts, and fought bravely in single combats. Later he came to the Court with the said Prince, and was sent in attendance on Prince Dārā Shikōh, who had been appointed to assist the garrison of the fort at Qandahar. He received a robe of honour, a horse with gold accourrements, and 1,000 of the troopers, out of the allotted number of 5,000 with 5,000 horse, were made two-horse three-horse7. After his return he was allowed to go to his fief. In the 16th year he again came to the Presence, but was soon permitted to return to his fief.

As the Emperor had determined on conquering Balkh and Badakhshān, an order to this effect had been sent to the Amīr-ul-Umarā
Governor of Kābul. In the 19th year he was sent<sup>8</sup> as an auxiliary
of the Amīr-ul-Umarā to Kābul. Later, in accordance with orders,
he passed the winter at Rohtās, and on the Emperor's return from
Kashmīr waited on him at Lāhōre. Afterwards he went with Prince

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 83.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 99.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 20.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 245.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 485.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 140.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 182.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., pp. 293, 294.

Murad Bakhsh on the said campaign, and the command of the left wing of the Prince's army was assigned to him. When the Prince after the taking of Balkh, through inexperience and in spite of the counter orders of his august father returned from that country, Sa'd Ullah Khan was ordered to hurry there, while Rustam Khan was appointed2 to settle Andkhūd and the adjacent territory. Before reaching there he had several fights with the Alāmans, and was victorious every time. As a reward in the 20th year another 1,000 of his troopers were made two-horse three-horses. When Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur after arriving in that territory restored, according to orders, Balkh to Nadhar Muhammad Khān, and returned, he also came to the Court, and received permission to go to his fief. In the 21st year he came on the occasion of the celebrations for the occupation of the new buildings of Shahjahanabad, and after receiving a robe of honour returned to his fief. Later he went4 to Kabul as an auxiliary of the Amīr-ul-Umarā. In the 22nd year when it was reported that the Iranian army had collected near Qandahar, orders summoning the officers were issued, and Rustam Khān came from Kābul, and lefts with Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur for Qandahār. appointed in-charge of the rear-guard. After reaching there he marched rapidly to Bust to help Qulīj Khān, and in the battle with the Iranians inflicted heavy punishment on them. After their flight, he seized their artillery waggons—which owing to the force of the attack they had left behind-with numerous horses, spears and armour6. For this service the remainder of his contingent in the 23rd year was made two-horse three-horse, and he was exalted with the title of Fīrūz Jang?. In the same year he arrived at the Court, and produced before the Emperor eleven small cannons with their carriages, which he

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 512, 513.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 560,

<sup>4</sup> Amal Salib, III, p. 67.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., pp. 89-91.

<sup>3</sup> Op cit., p. 584.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 71.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 100.

had captured from the enemy. He received a robe of honour, a figha, a jewelled dagger with phūl-katāra, a jewelled sword, a horse with a golden saddle, an elephant with silver trappings, and a female elephant. His rank was also advanced to 6,000 with 5,000 horse, two-horse three-horse troopers.1. In the 25th year he again accompanied2 the said Prince on the same campaign, and distinguished himself in erecting batteries, and other arrangements for besieging the fort. In the 26th year he again accompanied Prince Dārā Shikōh to the same campaign. As the appointed time for starting the siege was near at hand, he was sent in advance in the 27th year by the Prince to commence the siege. After the Prince's arrival in that area he went to Bust, and by erecting batteries conquered the fort. When the capture of Qandahar was delayed, and the Prince in accordance with orders returned, Rustam Khan by the direction of the Prince demolished the fort of Bust, and burnt the remaining equipment and returned3. In the 28th year he was deputed with Jumlat-ul-Mulk Sa'd Ullah Khan to demolish Chittor. In the 29th year4 he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 6,000 with 6,000 horse of which 5,000 were two-horse three-horse troopers, and according to the recommendation of Prince Dārā Shikōh was appointed Governor of Kābul in succession to Bahādur Khān Bāqī Beg. The cities of Kābul and Pēshāwar were included in his fief. In the end of the 31st year he was removed from there and returned to the Court. In the battle near Samugarh, which took place between Aurangzīb and Dārā Shikōh, he was with Sipihr Shikōh in the left wing. As a result of his zeal he was hit during the battle by a bullet, and bravely gave up his life in the year 1068 A.H. (1658 A.D.).

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 104.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 139.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 173.

<sup>4</sup> This is recorded in 'Amal Salih, III, p. 239 in the 30th year,

<sup>5 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnama, p. 99.

## RUSTAM KHAN SHAGHALI

(Vol. II, pp. 199-201).

His name was Yūsuf Bēg. Through the patronage of Prince Shāh Jahan he rose from the rank of a Qal'agchi and an Abadi to the rank He was soon promoted from the rank of 300 to that of of an Amir. 5,000, and received a flag and a drum. During the days when Shah Jahan was a Prince, he was one of the mainstays of his power, and was appointed Deputy Governor of Gujarāt<sup>1</sup>. When in the 18th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign the imperial forces in pursuit of the Prince reached the Chanda pass<sup>2</sup> which was on the route to Malwa, they were afraid of Shah Jahan's influence and had not the courage to cross the defile, and proposed to spend the rainy season on this side of the pass. Rustam Khān in collusion with Bahā'-ud-Dīn topchīwho had received the title of Baraqandaz Khan from Shah Jahan-out of disloyalty and infidelity wrote to Mahābat Khān, the Commander of the royal forces, that he should proceed without delay, and that they would join him after throwing the Prince's army into confusion. Accordingly Mahābat Khān becoming emboldened crossed the defile of Chanda. Prince Shah Jahan, who had encamped at Mandu, sent Rustam Khān—who before the conflict was his loyal servant, and was his leading officer, and whose bravery and devotion to duty was well known—as the Commander of the army in advance, and also sent a contingent from the Deccan army skirmishers. They in two days made things difficult for the imperial army. On the third day, it had been arranged that the Prince himself would join the vanguard. Yūsuf Shaghālī ignored what was due from him as a loyal and cherished servant, and insincerely following a perfidious course joined Mahabat Khan As a result of the desertion of the Commander the affairs of the army became disorganised3. When the Prince experienced

<sup>1</sup> Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-lahāngīrī, II, pp. 275, 276.

<sup>2</sup> Chānda Ghāt between Ajmēr and Mālwa.

<sup>3</sup> Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk-i-lahāngīri, II, pp. 271, 272, and Iqbālnāma-i-lahāngīrī, pp. 209, 210.

such disloyalty and impudence on the part of one who was so greatly favoured, what could he hope for from anyone else, and on whom He could no longer trust anyone, and regarded could he rely? retreat to the Deccan as the only course to follow under the circum-Hastily crossing the Narbada he stayed for a short time in Burhanpur. Rustam Khan through the intermediation of Mahabat Khān was enlisted amongst the officers of Emperor Jahangir<sup>1</sup>. As base treachery and disloyalty are always condemned, and those practising them are everywhere treated with contempt and scorn, he neither received much advancement in royal service, nor was he greatly trusted. When Shah Jahan became the Emperor, he was as a punishment for his misdeeds deprived of his jagir and office, and his condition became miserable. It is stated that except for Rustam Khan Emperor Shah Jahan did not exact retribution from any of the imperial officers who had behaved 'presumptuously or disloyally. At last he was reduced to such straits that he had neither a horse nor a servant, and wandered about in the streets till he died.

# (MĪRZĀ) RUSTAM ŞAFAVĪ<sup>2</sup> (Vol. III, pp. 434-44<sup>2</sup>).

He was the younger brother of Mīrzā Muzaffar Ḥusain³ of Qandahār. In his account it has been stated that Sultān Muḥammad Khudābanda the Shāh of Irān gave Qandahār⁴ to Muzaffar Ḥusain Mīrzā, and Zamīn Dāwar to Rustam Mīrzā and his two younger brothers Abū Saʿīd Mīrzā and Sanjar Mīrzā. As the territory of

2 See Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp 328, 329.

3 Blochmann, op. cit., pp. 327, 328, and Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 296-302, translation antea pp. 350-354.

4 Qandahār had been given by Shāh Tahmāsp to their father Sultān Husain, the son of Bahrām and the brother of Shāh Tahmāsp, and Sultān Khudābanda afterwards gave it to the son, see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 645. Beveridge's translation, III, p. 992.

<sup>1</sup> He was appointed to the rank of 5,000 foot with 4,000 horse, op. cit., p. 275.

Zamīn Dāwar was very limited as compared to that of Qandahār, and was not sufficient for the support of Rustam Mīrzā and his brothers, Rustam Mīrzā wished to conquer Sīstān from Malık Maḥmūd—who was of the old race of the rulers of that country and had taken possession of it after the death of Shāh Ismā'īl II—and add it to his own territory. Muzaffar Ḥusain Mīrzā led an army against Malik Maḥmūd, and after a contest married his daughter, and confirmed that territory on his father-in-law. This proceeding was a cause of disagreement between the two brothers. Rustam Mīrzā with the help of Ḥamza Bēg Lala several times led armies against Qandahār, but without success.

As many of the cities of Khurāsān had been plundered by the Uzbegs, and they had no agreed chief, Mīrzā Rustam hurried from Zamīn Dāwar to Farāh, and took possession of the territory. He several times fought with the Uzbegs, and raised the standard of bravery. After that he took it in his head to conquer Sīstān, and made a raid on that territory. Malik Mahmud, after defending the fort, had an interview, and submitted. The Mīrzā in his pride and at the instigation of short-sighted persons imprisoned the Malik. son Jalāl-ud-Dīn collected a force, and came forward for a fight. The Mīrzā put Malik Maḥmūd to death. As, however, he was unable to contest (against Jalal-ud-Dīn), he retired to Zamīn Dāwar. Jalalud-Din pursued him, and the Mīrzā, who was obliged to turn and fight, was defeated. After this he lost respect in the eyes of all people. His elder brother—who was waiting for the opportunity seized Zamīn Dāwar also. Rustam Mīrzā quickly went to Qalāt, and took possession. One day he had gone out for hunting, when a force of Biyats wished to get hold of the fort. The Mīrza's mother defended it, but was killed by a shot from one of the faithless men who discharged his piece at her. Though the Mīrzā out of vengeance put many of them to the sword, but circumstances did not appear favourable, and the report of the arrival of the army from India for taking possession of that territory increased the difficulty of his position. He wrote in a

friendly fashion to Sharif Khan Atga, Governor of Ghaznin, and expressed a wish for enlistment in the service of the Emperor (Akbar). According to his request a rescript was issued. In the 38th year of Emperor Akbar's reign in 1001 A.H. (1592-93 A.D.) the Mîtzā reached the bank of the Chenab river. Tents, screens, carpets and other articles of the Farrash-khana had been sent from the imperial stores through Qarā Bēg Turkmān. A decorated dagger was also sent through Hakim-ul-Mulk. When he came near, Sharif Khan, Asaf Khan, Shah Beg Khan, and several other officers were deputed to welcome him. At a distance of four kos from Lahore on the day of Dusehra festival Khan Khanan and Zain Khan Koka received him, and he along with his younger brother Sanjar Mīrzā, and his four sons, Murād, Shāhrukh, Hasan and Ibrāhīm, and 400 Turkmāns were received by the Emperor in audience. As it was desired to encourage his elder brother, he was appointed to the high rank of 5,000, granted a present of a kror of Murādī tankahs, and the territory of Multān and several parganas of Balüchistan—the area of which was more extensive than that of Qandahāri-and after a time he was granted a flag and a drum. Mīrzā Abū Sa'īd, who had remained in Qandahār, also came, and entered the royal service.

As the Mīrzā's men practised oppression beyond limits in Multān, the Sarkār of Chittōr was given to the Mīrzā in fief in the 40th year, and he was sent off there, but for some reason he was recalled from Sirhind². When Rāja Bāsū and some chiefs of the northern hills rebelled in the 41st year, Pathān (Pathānkōt) and its neighbourhood were included in the Mīrzā's fief, and he was sent to that territory. Āṣaf Khān was sent³ to help him, but disagreement started between

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 645, 646, Beveridge's translation, pp. 992-994.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 696, translation, p. 1041, and note 2 in which Beveridge directs attention to the mistake in Maāthir-ul-Umarā. It was not Rustam Mīrzā who was recalled from Sirhind, but he sent back Amin-ud-Din who was sent with him so that he might not oppress the weak.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 712, translation, p. 1060.

him and the Mīrzā. Rāja Bāsū fortified Mau', and behaved insolently. The Emperor deputed Jagat Singh, son of Rāja Mān Singh and recalled the Mīrzā to the Presence. In the 43rd year Rāīsin and its neighbourhood were given to the Mīrzā in fief, and he went away in that direction<sup>1</sup>.

When the siege of Ahmadnagar was protracted, and the soldiers were in difficulties owing to the dearness of provisions, and evil-minded persons were becoming troublesome, Prince Sultan Daniyal sent a request for reinforcements. The Emperor sent a fresh army from Burhanpur under the leadership of the Mīrzā2, and a lac of Ashrafis. From that time the Mīrzā was included among the auxiliaries of the Deccan. He sought the daughter of Khan Khanan in marriage for his son Mīrzā Murād, and through Khān Khānān's help spent a long time in the town of Tamarni, now known as Zafarnagar. In the 7th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign, in 1021 A.H. (1612 A.D.) he was appointed3 Governor of Tatta (Sindh) on the death of Mīrzā Ghāzī Tarkhān, and granted two lacs of Jupees for his expenses. Emperor Jahangir gave him good advice about the administration of justice, and directed him to send away the Arghuns-who for some years had held that territory-with Khusrau Khan the Circassian, who had been their Vakil for four generations, lest they should start a rebellion. Mīr 'Abdur Razzāq Ma'mūrī was also sent with the Mīrzā to carry out a settlement of the province, and to settle grants for the Mīrzā and his dependants. The Mīrzā behaved badly to the Arghuns, and contrary to expectations so oppressed the people that it was against the canons of decency and bravery. Consequently he was removed. When he reached the Court, a large number of complainants also arrived. Accordingly the Mīrzā was handed over to Anī

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 749, translation, p. 1120.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 773, translation, p. 1156,

<sup>3</sup> He was first appointed Governor of Patna in the 7th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign, see Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tüzuk-i-Jahangiri, I, p. 229.

Rāī Singh-dilan in order that he might answer the complainants<sup>1</sup>. After some time, Emperor Jahāngīr called him to the Presence, and treated him with kindness<sup>2</sup>, and gave the Mīrzā's daughter in marriage to Sulṭān Parvīz. After that he was promoted to the rank of 6,000 and appointed Governor<sup>3</sup> of Allāhābād.

When Prince Shah Jahan passing through Bengal took possession of Patna and Bihar, 'Abdullah Khan came hurriedly as the advance force, and encamped at Jhūsī opposite Allāhābād on the opposite bank of the Ganges. The Mīrzā took refuge in the fort. As the Khān had a fleet of boats with him, he crossed the river with guns and muskets, and entered the city4. Though Rūmī Khān, the head of Shah Jahan's artillery promised that the fort would soon be taken ·Abdullah Khan showed undue agitation, and returned to Jhusi. Some days had not passed when they heard of the approach of the imperial forces. The Mīrzā was relieved, and began to live in peace and enjoyment. In the 21st year he was appointed Governor<sup>5</sup> of Bihar. In the 1st year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign he was removed<sup>6</sup> from Bihār and came to the Court. As he was suffering from gout (nigris), and had grown old, he was relieved of service, and granted an annual pension of one lac and twenty thousand rupees so that he might spend his days in peace at Agra7. In the 6th year his daughter was married to Prince Shuja'.

Mahd Bilqīs ba sar manzil Jamshēd āmad: 1042.

(The lady Bilqīs—Queen of Sheba—came to the house of Jamshēd) is the chronogram. At the age of 72 years in the 15th year of the

<sup>1</sup> For his appointment and recall from Sindh see Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., pp. 262, 263. His jägir in the Deccan is also mentioned there.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 265.

<sup>3</sup> Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk, II, p. 281.

<sup>4</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-labāngīrī, p. 223. For fuller details see Beni Prasad, History of Jabangir, pp. 374, 375.

<sup>5</sup> Iqbalnama, p. 280.

<sup>6</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i. p. 125.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 205.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., pp. 460-465. The complete poem by Tālib Kalīm from which the chronogram is quoted is reproduced on p. 464 of the work.

reign<sup>1</sup>, in 1051 A.H. (1641-42 A.D.) he died. It is stated that when the Mīrzā died, Agra officers wished to attach his property. His widow dressed up her maid servants as men, and putting muskets in their hands prepared to fight, saying that they could not deal with her family as they did with other officers. The officers were cautious, and staying their hand wrote to the Emperor. The latter was amused at the incident, and released all his property except the elephants.

The Mīrzā was a man of the world. He was tactful, and was much cleverer and more prudent than his elder brother. One day on the hunting ground the hawk of the son of Rāīsāl was perched on a tree. Mīrzā's followers captured it. Some Rājpūts opposed, and the Mīrzā went to quell the disturbance. Suddenly he was wounded in the arm with a sword. The Mīrzā had the good sense to have the aggressor bound and sent to Rāīsal. Emperor Akbar commended the sufferance and gentleness of the Mīrzā<sup>2</sup>. He had a poetical vein. His nom-de-plume was Fidā'ī. The following is his composition:

#### Quatrain

My heart has rolled up the mat of religion.

I have played crosswise the piece of the knowledge of God!

I have made the eye-brow of my beloved my Qibla;

I have discarded Muḥammadanism.

He was also of a facetious disposition, and when his elder brother Muzaffar Husain Mîrzā—with whom he was estranged and on bad terms—came from Qandahār, he composed the following quatrain:

#### Quatrain

That blind man, who is being trodden on along the road of envy, I won't style him an imposter, for he is the donkey of imposters. It is said, cold wind comes from Iran,

2. Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 747, 748, translation, III, p. 1117.

<sup>1</sup> The date in *Maāthir* is apparently taken from <u>Khāfi Khān</u>, I, p. 591, but according to *Bādshāhnāma*, II, p. 302, he died in 1052 A.H. (1642-43 A.D.) having served under the Moghul Emperors for full fifty years.

This wind at the time of reception is, however, a simoom.

The following poem by him is well known:

#### Verses

My dear I had prior to this
Narrated about a strong clawed hawk,
After whatever prey I let him go,
He would not give it a chance or delay.
Now that hawk is flown, and there is left
In my hands only the strap, and a rusty ringlet.

Separate accounts of his sons<sup>1</sup>, each of whom acquired a name for himself, have been given. His brothers Abū Sa<sup>1</sup>Id Mīrzā and Sanjar Mīrzā both died in the year 1005 A.H. (1596-97 A.D.).

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## ('ALLAMI) SA'D ULLAH <u>KH</u>AN (Vol. II, pp. 441-449).

He was a Shaikhzāda of Chiniota in the Lāhōre province, and was a descendant of the Banī Tamīn Quraish. He was a man of great intelligence and judgment, and was unrivalled for his great learning and extensive knowledge of business. At first he devoted himself to training in traditionary and rational sciences, and committing to

\* Under S are included the biographies of officers whose names begin with the letters (S) (Sh) and (S)

1 Mîrzā Ḥasan Ṣafavī, Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 477-479, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, p. 622. For Mîrzā Murād Kām see under Mukarram Khan, op cit., III, p. 583.

2 Chiniot is situated on the bank of the river Chenab, and is in the Jhang District, see *Imperial Gazetteer*, X, pp. 284, 285. It is erroneously called Jhanwat in Irvine's Storia do Mogor, I, p. 210, note 1, where a short notice of Sa'd Ullāh Khān is given. A short, but concise account of his career is also to be found in Khāfi Khān, I, pp. 581, 582,

memory the Qur'ān, later became a polished speaker and an expert calligrapher. When Emperor Shāh Jahān, who was a worthly friend and on the look out for efficient officers heard about him, he in the 14th year ordered Mūsavī Khān the Sadr¹ to bring him to wait upon him. After an interview and being satisfied about his capacity and capabilities, he enlisted him in service, and presented him a robe of honour and a horse, and appointed him Examiner of Petitions—which appointment was only given to trustworthy servants. In the 15th year he was given the rank of 1,000 with 200 horse, and the title of Sa'd Ullāh Khān, and appointed Superintendent of the Select Hall of Audience—a post reserved for sincere and loyal officers.

It should be remembered that Daulatkhana-i-Khas means a building between the female apartments of the palace, and the Dīwān-i-Khās and 'Am (Private and Public Halls of Audience). The Emperor after leaving the Public Hall retires there to dispose of affairs which only the intimates are cognisant of. As the building was near the baths, it was since the reign of Emperor Akbar known as Ghusulkhāna. Emperor Shāh Jahān renamed it Daulatkhāna-i-Khās2. In the 16th year Sa'd Ullah Khan was honoured by an increase of 500 with 100 horse, and the gift of an elephant. In the 17th year he was removed from the post of Superintendent of the royal Daulatkhāna, and received a rank of 2,000 with 500 horse, the gift of a robe of honour, and was appointed Khānsāmān3—which post came next to that of the Vazīr. In the 18th year on the occasion of the feast in connection with the recovery of the Begam Sahiba-who had been ailing for some time as a result of her body being burnt by a lamp—he received a robe of honour, the rank of 2,500 with 600 horse, and a flag. Later he had an increase of 500, and again an

i See Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 441, 442, translation antea pp. 326, 327.

<sup>2</sup> The above account is taken almost verbatim from Bādsbāhnāma, II, pp. 219, 220.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 347. The post of <u>Khānsāmān</u> is there designated as Mīr Sāmān

increase of 500 with 200 horse in his rank. After a time when Islām Khān was appointed Governor of the Deccan Ṣūbas on the death of Khān Daurān, Sa'd Ullāh Khān received a robe of honour, and was appointed Dīvān of Khālṣa in succession to Islām Khān. His duties included the drafting of rescripts, and communicating them to the secretaries. He used to add the words Ma'rfat-i-khud (through me) below the writings of Prince Dārā Shikōh, who used to endorse the Farmāns in his own handwriting. His rank was raised to 4,000 with 1,000 horse, and he was given a jewelled pen-case¹. Shortly afterwards he was made Prime Minister, and granted a khil'at, a jewelled dagger and a phūl katāra (a kind of dagger), while his rank was raised to 5,000 with 1,500 horse. In the 19th year he received an increase of 500 horse and was honoured by the grant of a drum. Later he again received an increase of 1,000 and the gift of an elephant with silver trappings, and also a female elephant.

When Prince Murād Bakhsh—who had been sent to take Balkh and Badakhshān—came to Kābul, he waited there for the clearing of the snow from the Tūl route which had been decided upon for the army's march. In consideration of the length of the campaign and the distance of the country a royal order had been issued that three months' salary should be advanced to the Mansabdārs, Ahadīs, archers and musketeers—both in the cavalry and infantry—and to the followers. Also in regard to the lāgīrdārs, the number of whose branded horses depended on the receipts from their fiefs, it had been ordered that a fourth part of the produce of their estates—which also amounted to three months' income—should be advanced to them from the treasury so that they might not be worried about expenses. Some had, however, not received these advances in Lāhōre.<sup>3</sup> The Prince also was of a childish

<sup>1</sup> Taken from Bādshāhnāma, loc. cit., p. 431.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 479.

<sup>3</sup> Mainly based on Bādshāhnāma, loc. cit., pp. 507, 508; also see Khāfi Khān, I, p. 622. The Tūl route is mentioned in the Ā'īn, sec Jarrett's translation of Vol. II, pp. 399. 400.

disposition, and was carried away by the talks of flatterers—its effects blossomed out after the conquest of Balkh. Accordingly in the year in which Emperor Shāh Jahān marched from Lāhōre to Kābul, he after reaching Bāgh Ṣafā sent Sa'd Ullāh Khān ahead in order that he might give some instructions to the Prince, pay the advances mentioned above to those who had not received them, and send off the army to its destination before the arrival of the royal standards at Kābul. Sa'd Ullāh Khān reached Kābul in two days, and by excessive exertions he, in the course of five days—from the time of his reaching Kābul to the arrival of the royal cavalcade—finished all the work, sent off the Prince with his army, and waited upon the Emperor in the suburbs of the city (Kābul).

It should be remembered that during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan the arrangement was that whoever held a jagir in the province of his appointment, had to produce for branding one third of his contingent. For example an officer of the rank of 3,000 foot with 3,000 horse had to present 1,000 (horse) for branding. If, however, he was appointed to another province in India (than where his jagir was) he would produce only one fourth. At the time of the Balkh and Badakhshan campaign it was arranged that in consideration of the distance of the country only one fifth of the horses of the contingent need be produced for branding1. In the 20th year Sa'd Ullah Khan was promoted by his rank being raised to 6,000 with 4,000 horse. In as much as after the conquest of Balkh the Prince (Murad Bakhsh) did not feel attracted by the country, and wrote to his father that someone else should be appointed to it. Emperor Shah Jahan sent off Said Ullah Khan there, though on account of the latter sharing his secrets and being responsible for a great deal of work it was not convenient to part with him. Sa'd Ullah Khan was to tell the Prince that if it should appear that he did not repent of his resigning the governorship of the province he was not to be admitted to an interview. The same prohibition was to be conveyed to others. Sa'd Ullah Khan

<sup>1</sup> See Bādshāhnāma, loc. cit., p. 506.

travelled by Khanjan which was the shortest route though it was difficult, and reached Balkh in fifteen days.

As he found that the Prince was determined to stick to his resignation, he carried out the arrangement of affairs in their entirety according to the Emperor's orders, and then made the return journey through many hills and dales from Balkh to Kābul in four days. As he had transacted the business according to the Emperor's orders, and made proper arrangements for the province, his rank was advanced to 6,000 with 5,000 horse. Later by the addition of 1,000 horse his Sawar rank became equal to his infantry rank. Shortly afterwards on the occasion of the celebrations for the lunar weighing he was promoted to the rank of 7,000 with 7,0002 horse, and granted an Arab horse with a golden saddle. In the 21st year on the anniversary feast of accession which was held in the new city of Shahjahanabad (Delhi) Sa'd Ullah Khan received a dress of honour with a Nadiri (a special present?) and 1,000 of his troopers were made 2-and 3-horse. In the 22nd year the Emperor went to hunt at Sasidun (in the Delhi District), three kos from Jajhar. While returning, letters of Khawas Khan Oil-'adar of Qandahar, and Purdil Khan Qil'adar of Bust announcing the advance of Shah 'Abbas son of Shah Şafî towards Qandahar were received. Sa'd Ullah Khan, who had remained in the Capital to transact civil business, arrived in response to orders, and 2,000 more of his troopers were made 2-and 3-horse, and he was sent with Prince Aurangzīb Bahādur to Qandahār. On arriving there he neglected nothing in the way of besieging the fort; he erected batteries, drove mines and constructed subterranean passages3.

I Bādshāhnāma, loc. cit., p. 564. where it is stated that he did the journey in II days. Nadhr Muhammad covered the same distance in 4 days in the beginning of 1037 A.H.—vide Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 214.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 679.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, pp. 70-92 may be consulted for a detailed account of the Qandahār campaign under Aurangzīb. Also see Saksena, History of Shah-jahan, pp. 226-228.

As it was not destined that they should succeed in capturing the fort, and the winter was approaching, he returned with the Prince in accordance with the Emperor's orders. In the 23rd year another 2,000 troopers of his contingent were made 2-and 3-horse, and as a result of his rank of 7,000 with 7,000 horse; 5,000 troopers were 2-and 3-horse1. Later he received a present of one kror of dams, so that his grant became twelve krors of dams. In the 25th year when the Emperor went from Lähore to Kashmir, he was left at Wazīrābād to enquire into the condition of the Panjab Province, the crops of which had been destroyed at first by too little rain, and later by too much2. After some time he joined the Emperor. In the same year he went a second time in the company of Prince Aurangzīb Bahādur and with a large force and ample equipment for the capture of Qandahar. The Prince went from Multan by the straight route of the Indus, that is along the bank of the Jajha, Chatali, Fushang (Pishin) and Qandahar, and which by measurement was 160 kos. Sa'd Ullah Khan on the other hand went via Kābul and Ghaznīn, by which route the distance from Lāhōre to Qandahār was 275 kos. On arriving there Sa'd Ullah Khan set about besieging the fort, drove mines and adopted all other means, but as the fort could not be captured3, he, in accordance with the orders, returned to the Court in the 26th year.

In the 28th year when the Emperor heard that Rānā Rāj Singh son of Rāna Jagat Singh—though from the time when Rānā Karn, his grandfather, paid his respects to Emperor Jahāngīr, it had on the recommendation of Shāh Jahān, been arranged that none of his descendants even was to repair Chittōr—was making some gates and lofty (yagān) bastions, he himself started towards Ajmēr for making a pilgrimage to the tomb of Khwāja Mu'īn-ud-Dīn Chishtī, May God's grace be on him! and sent Sa'd Ullāh Khān with a suitable force to destroy Chittōr. He devastated the Rānā's country, and after

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amāl Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 100.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 125.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 138-142, 147-149.

<sup>4</sup> Op cit., pp. 194, 195, but the account in that work is somewhat different from that in Maāthir.

levelling the old and new bastions of Chittor returned to the Presence. In the 30th year he had a slight illness, but the use of some medicine turned it into a colic. He, however, regularly came to the Court and performed his duties till he was unable even to stand. At last his weakness increased, and he was, as a result, confined to his house. The Emperor visited him, and showed increased appreciation of his merits. On the 22nd Jammada II, 1066 A.H. (7th April, 1656 A.D.) he died. On hearing this news the Emperor's eyes were filled with tears. His eldest son Luth Ullah at the age of 11 years was granted a robe of honour, and the rank of 700 with 200 horse; his other sons and connections were granted stipends, and his sister's son Yar Muhammad was given the rank of 300 with 60 horse. Many of his servants also received suitable posts. Among the latter 'Abdun-Nabī, who was the manager of his fief, was granted the rank of 1,000 with 400 horse1. During Emperor Aurangzib's reign he was Faujdar of Mathura, and carried on the work of a collector ('Amaldar). He died of a bullet wound during one of his fights. The mosque<sup>2</sup> at Mathurā was built by him.

Sa'd Ullāh Khān was a physiognomist, and was possessed of excellent qualities. In disposing of cases with private individuals he strove towards uprightness and honesty. In collecting government dues he did not act tyrannously nor did he allow fear or favouritism to influence his actions towards the peasants or the officials. India prospered during the period of his Vazirship. Though he had rivals like Dārā Shikōh, but their complaints against him were of no avail. From the beginning of his service he was always respected. His title was 'Allāmī Fahāmī Jumlat-ut-Mulk. He died after attaining the

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed account of Sa'd Ullah Khān's death etc. see 'Amal Şalib, III, pp. 218-220.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 83. The name of the village where he was killed is given there as Saurah with Sahrah as a variant, but the correct name is Sahora in Mahāban. For further details about 'Abd-un-Nabi and his mosque see F. S. Growse, Mathura—A District Memoir (2nd edn. 1880), pp. 140, 141.

highest dignities, and left a good name as his memorial. Separate notices have been included of those of his descendants who became famous.

Reflection<sup>1</sup>. Honesty is a laudable virtue, and loyalty is a praiseworthy quality. To preserve both these qualities in dealing between one's master and the poor is the acme of fidelity. For if in such a case all suffer, a portion will fall on him, and a portion is to one in his position the total loss, so that a partial loss produces the result of a total loss.

#### SA'D ULLAH KHAN

(Vol. II, 504-508).

His name was Hidayat Ullah Khan, and he was the second son and most distinguished of the children of the famous 'Inayat' Ullah Khan even in his father's distinguished circle this son excelled in every respect. Signs of culture in courtly manners and dignity were apparent on his forehead. In the 41st year of Emperor 'Alamgir's reign he succeeded his father—who was promoted to the post of Divan-i-Tan—as the Khan-i-Saman' of Nawab Zeb-un-Nissa Begam. Through the kind interest of that lady of noble descent he was grant-

The passage is somewhat obscure. Apparently the author is trying to consider the relative values of honesty (diayānat) and loyalty (pās nimak). Honesty requires one to be just to all, but loyalty demands ignoring all else except one's master. An honest minister must often find it difficulty to reconcile his duty to the poor with his loyalty to the sovereign. This is explained to some extent by the lines on top of p. 449 of the text where it is stated that Sa'd Ullāh Khān is collecting government dues or enforcing claims did not act tyrannously nor was he influenced by tear or favouritism (haif-u-maili) in his relationship either with the peasantry or the officials. In the last sentence the variant reading appears more correct and has been followed.

<sup>2</sup> For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp.828-832, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 680-682.

<sup>3</sup> Maā<u>tb</u>ir-i-Alamgiri, p. 385.

ed the title of Khān, and married¹ to the daughter of Muhammad Afḍal the son of Faiḍ Ullāh Khān Kōka. During the time of Emperor Bahādur Shāh when his father was appointed Khān-i-Sāmān, he was given the charge of the Dīvān of Khālṣa-u-Tan, which office had been held by his father since the days of Emperor Aurangzīb. When 'Ināyat Ullāh Khān was sent as the Governor of Kashmīr, he was in addition appointed to the important office of Khān-i-Sāmān in his vacancy. When in accordance with the Fate's decree the respected Khān Khānān Mun'im Khān died, there was a delay and difficulty in the appointment of the Chief Dīvān owing to the objections raised by Dhulfiqār Khān Amīr-ul-Umarā. Consequently it was decreed that Sa'd Ullāh should look after the political and financial affairs under the supervision of Prince 'Azīm-ush-Shān, the second son of the Emperor. Sa'd Ullāh was exalted by the grant of a jewelled inkstand and a fringed palanquin².

When owing to the inherent large-heartedness, general benevolence, gentleness, and compassionate nature—which were characteristics of the reigning sovereign (Bahādut Shāh), the words "No" and "Refusal" never passed the lips of the Caliphate, and appointments and titles ceased to carry weight, Sa'd Ullāh was raised to the rank of 7,000 and received the exalted title of Sa'd Ullāh Khān. He also made Superintendent of the Postal Department (Dārōgha-i-dāk-u-sawāniḥ)—which was one of the chief offices at the Court. Half of the supreme power, rather the whole of it, fell into his hands. When Jahāndār Shāh succeeded as the sovereign, his old connections and friendship with Khān Jahān Kōkaltāsh served as a protective shield, and through the intervention of that Amīr no harm accrued to him from the machinations of Dhulfiiqār Khān Amīr-ul-Umarā. Though he became the Prime Minister and the fame of his power and dignity was bruited even beyond the eighth heaven, Sa'd Ullāh Khān was not

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 479, 480.

<sup>2</sup> See Irvine, Later Mughals, I, p. 128. It is stated there that his title on appointment to this office was changed to Wazārat Khān.

relieved of his office of the Divan of Khalsa and Tan—which was the prelude to premiership—and as hitherto he continued to influence the management of all affairs. But as the juggling heavens carried away the Mīr and the Premier from the playhouse of fortune to the place of capital punishment, and the management of affairs and the office of premiership passed into the hands of members of the opposition, many of the partisans had to sacrifice their lives. After the arrival of Farrukh Siyar's forces in the Capital, Delhi, he was imprisoned in the office (Kuchchery). After some days an order of release was passed in accordance with a letter from Nawab Zeb-un-Nissa Begam (the daughter of Aurangzib), who at the time had the title of Padshah His family were comforted, and his servants rejoiced, but suddenly that night-which he regarded pregnant with a thousand hopes—gave birth to a fatal catastrophe. Some Mughals, who had become notorious for their use of the strap (Tasma), came and made him lose his senses by announcing the order for his death. That innocent person with Hidayat Kesh Khan Jadid-ul-Islam (i.e. newly converted to Islam) and Saidī Qāsim Kotwāl of Delhī was strangled.

The reason for his killing is not clear. Some state that when the order for his realease was passed, the Saiyids gave a signal for putting him to death. Others have stated that his enemies cleverly produced before the Emperor a fictitious letter of the Bēgam recommending his being put to death. This report is corroborated by the fact that when Farrukh Siyar had an interview with the Bēgam, she complained about the slaying of Sa'd Ullāh Khān, who for generations had been associated with her. The Emperor mentioned her letter, but she absolutely repudiated it. The Emperor becoming circumspect expressed sincere regrets<sup>2</sup>. Like his revered father Sa'd Ullāh Khān was famous for his honesty and capability, and was little addicted to harsh measures.

<sup>1</sup> But see Irvine, Later Mughals, I, p. 186, according to whom he was appointed Khān-i-Sāmān.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed account of his execution etc. see Irvine, op cit., I, pp. 276, 2774

# SA'D ULLAH KHAN BAHADUR MUZAFFAR JANG (Vol. II, pp. 520-524).

He was the son of Mutawassil Khan Bahadur Rustam Jang, son of Hifz Ullah Khan, son of Sa'd Ullah Khan Shahjahani. account of Sa'd Ullah Khan is recorded in this notice. Hifz Ullah Khān was, in Emperor Aurangzīb's time, appointed Governor of Tatta and Faujdar of Siwistan. In the 43rd year, at the instance of Sultan Musizz-ud-Din, his rank was increased to 2,000 with 1,000 horse<sup>2</sup>, and in the 44th year, he was granted an increase of 500 horse3. In the 45th year, he died. His sons4 were not without merit, and three of them did well. One was Mutawassil Khān who was patronised by Khan Firuz Jang. In the beginning of Emperor Muhammad Shāh's reign when Nizām-ul-Mulk Asaf Jāh went from Mālwa to the Deccan, he accompanied him and distinguished himself in the battle against Saiyid Dilawar 'Alī Khan. In the battle with 'Alam 'Alī Khān he showed devotion, and had two wounds. As a reward, he was given the rank of 3,000 with 2,000 horse, the title of Bahadur, and the gifts of a flag and drums. For a time, he was the Deputy Governor of Aurangabad, and later was appointed Fanjdar of Baglana. Finally he received the title of Rustam Jang, and was appointed Governor of Bījāpūr. He died there. The second son was Hifz Ullah Khan Babr Jang. When Nizam-ul-Mulk after having been appointed Premier returned to the Deccan, Hifz Ullah accompanied him and took part in the battle against Mubariz Khan.

3 Id, p. 432.

4 Id, p. 440.

<sup>1</sup> For his biography see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 441-449, translation antea, pp.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-i-Ālamgīrī, p. 407.

<sup>5</sup> Most of this account refers to personalities who played minor parts in the affairs of Hyderabad Deccan, and was apparently based on personal information of the author. A good biography of Muzaffar Jang is included in <u>Kbazāna-i--Amira</u>, where it is stated that he was the first of the Indian nobles to employ European troops. Pālygars of the text is generally transcribed as Pollygars in most English works.

His rank was raised to 3,000 with 2,000 horse, he was given the title of Bahadur, and granted a flag and drums. For a long time he was the Qila'adar and Faujdar of Mahwar and Karra, and later was the Governor of Nandair. At last he received the title of Babr Jang, and the gift of a fringed palanquin. As a result of an attack of paralysis he was for long confined to his house, and died in 1167 A.H. (1754 A.D.). He had no children. The third was Talib Muhiy-ud-Din Khan Bahadur. At first he served in Northern India, and was the Faujdar of the southern part of the province of Lahorewhich was the home of his ancestors. Later with his brother, Harz Ullāh Khān Bahādur, he accompanied Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh to the Deccan. After Mubariz Khan was killed, he was appointed Faujdar of Sarkar Raichur and Sarkar Madakal in Bijapur province. As he had military aptitude, he brought the government of both the Sarkars into good order. As a reward for his services, he was appointed Faujdar of Imtiazgarh otherwise known as Adoni, and Deputy Governor of Bījāpūr. He took all possible steps for the proper administration of the province, and became a man of means and position. Shortly afterwards, he died. His son Hasan Muhiy. ud-Din Khan, who later received the title of his father, was for some time the Qil'adar of Mahwar. But Muzaffar Jang's real name was Hidayat Muhiy-ud-Din, and his mother was Khair-un-Nisa Begum, the daughter of Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh. From early days he devoted himself to studies and learning etiquette, and earned a good name. After some time he received the title of Khan, and gradually rose to the rank of 3,000 with 2,000 horse. He also received the title of Bahadur, and the gift of a flag and drums. He was with his father while the latter was the Governor of Bijapur. After his death his rank was raised by 1,000, and he was given the title of Muzaffar Jang, and elevated above his peers by appointment as the Governor of the said province (Bijāpūr). He carried out regular expeditions, and subduing the landholders there who were known as palygars and at of whom were turbulent owing to their having large numbers of tetainers sufficient equipment, and extensive territories—himself

became influential and rich, and had a large force under him. As a reward for his services he received the title of Sa'd Ullah Khan. When Asaf Jah died, and Nasir Jang, the Martyr, succeeded him in the government of the Deccan, and as formerly there had not been cordiality between him and Muzaffar Jang, both of them became obsessed with suspicions. Muzaffar Jang collected troops, and proceeded against the Haidarābād Karnātik (Arcot). Anwar-ud-Dīn Khan, the Faujdar fought a battle with him in 1162 A.H. (1749 A.D.), but was killed. On receiving this news, Nasir Jang proceeded to that area with a large force and plenty of equipment, and made arrangements for a battle. In the crisis of the battle the hatwearers of Pondicherry (The French)—on whom he fully relied became suspicious and deserted him (Muzaffar Jang). Nāṣir Jangwho had previously tried to conciliate him-now sent for him and kept him under surveillance in a cell (Zāviya). As it was fated that he should for a time govern the Deccan, Bahadur Khan Pani and some others conspired and joined the hat-wearers. They carried out a surprise night attack, and Nasir Jang was martyred at the hands of the said Afghan. The conspirators took Muzaffar Jang out of the covered (ghatta\_top) howdah, and congratulated him. He was seated on the cushion of power. As he had left his mother and his relatives in Pondicherry, he went there, and taking an army of the hat-wearers with him returned. After reaching the village of Rai'chôri, a sudden quarrel sprang up. The men of Bahadur Khan Pani—who in his arrogance made no account of any one—carried away the goods of the hat-wearers in two or three carts. A tumult ensued, and Muzaffar Jang was killed by an arrow on 17th Rabī I, 1164 A.H. (2nd February, 1751 A.D.). The Afghan also was killed by a bullet. Sa'd Ullah Khan was distinguished by excellent qualities and pleasant manners. He was a soldier, and a lover of soldiers. He was possessed of energy, and was very considerate towards his comrades. He had committed Divine Word (the Qur'an) to memory, and was fond of men of learning. In this society there were always discourses about books. After him his son Muhammad

Sa'd-ud-Din had the title of Muzaffar Jang, and was appointed Governor of Bijapur, but he soon after died of small-pox.

## SA'ADAT KHAN (Vol. II, pp. 461-463).

He was the son of Zafar Khān1 son of Zain Khān Kōkā2. Separate biographies of both have been included in this work. Sa'ādat Khān at the close of Emperor. Jahangir's reign had the rank of 1,500 foot with 700 horse3, and had been assigned to the contingent of the Kābul Province4. In the 5th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign his rank by promotion was advanced to 1,500 foot with 1,000 horse5. In the 9th year, he had an increase of 200 horse, and in the 10th year he had a further increase of 300 horse resulting in his horseassignment being made equal to his infantry rank<sup>6</sup>. In the 12th year by promotion his rank became 2,000 foot with 1,500 horse7. In the 19th year he was appointed with Prince Murad Bakhsh to Balkh and Badakhshān8. After the conquest of Balkh he was appointed Governor of Tirmidh. In the 20th year his rank was 2,500 with 2,000 horse, and he was honoured with the gift of drums10. Later at the recommendation of Jumdat-ul-Mulk Sa'd Ullah Khan he was favoured with an increase of 500 (horse)11. During the period of his governorship of Tirmidh of the evening when Subhan Quli Khan, the ruler of Bokhāra, who had collected a force of Uzbegs and Alamans, made a night attack on the said fort, Sa'ādat Khān lighted fireworks (mahtābhā) and rallied forth from the fort with the officers assigned to his command and his own followers, and bravely attacked the enemy. The

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 755, 756.

<sup>2</sup> Id ibid, pp. 362-370. 3 Bādshāhnāma, I, part i, p. 184.

<sup>4</sup> *ld.*, p. 190.

<sup>5</sup> ld., p. 440.

<sup>6</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, part ii, p. 304.

Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 133.

<sup>1</sup>d., p. 485.

<sup>9</sup> ld., p. 545. 11 ld., p. 594.

<sup>10</sup> ld., p. 578.

fight went on till the morning when the enemy retreated1. As a reward his rank was advanced to 3,000 with 2,500 horse. In the 21st year he was promoted to the governorship of Ghaznin, and given the charge of the two Bangash provinces2 on the death of Dhul Qadar Khan. In the 22nd year he was appointed to the contingent, which accompanied Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur for the conquest of Qandahar. In accordance with the instructions of the said prince, he left some of his men in the fort of Maru in the province of Qandahar, and himself with a strong force remained in Qarā Bāgh to guard the roads. When it became clear that he was unable to discharge this duty, two other armies were sent, one after the other, in the 23rd year to help him. In the same year he was removed from the governorship of Ghaznīn, and in the 25th year his rank was increased to 3,000 with 3,000 horse, and he was deputed a second time to accompany the said prince to Qandahar. At the time of his departure he was granted a dress of honour, and a horse with gilded trappings. In the 26th year, when the governorship of Kabul was entrusted to Sulaiman Shikoh, he was nominated to the contingent of this prince. Later he accompanied Prince Dara Shikoh on the Qandahār campaign. In the 29th year he was appointed Governor of the two Bangash provinces in succession to Mubarak Khan Niyazi. In the 31st year he was appointed to guard the fort of Kabul's in succession to Fath Ullah son of Sa'id Khan. Later when the affairs of government passed into the hands of Emperor Aurangzib, in the 2nd year of the reign, 1069 A.H. (1659 A.D.) he was killed by his son Sher Ullah with a dagger. Mahabat Khan, the Governor, in accordance with orders imprisoned Sher Ullah.

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in place of با تفنكتچيان سركار in the Maātbir appear to be more correct, otherwise the description is taken almost verbatim from the former work.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Amal-i-Ṣālib, III, p. 22.

<sup>3</sup> Id., p. 263. I have failed to find the exact references to his appoint ments in the intervening period.

<sup>4</sup> In 'Alamgirnama, p. 442, the name of the son is given as Sher Beg.

## SADAT KHAN DHOLFIQAR JANG

(Vol. II, pp. 524-527).

He was the son of Sādāt Khān, alias Saiyid Ḥusain Khān, a Mīr Buzurg of the Marashi clān¹. Sādāt Khān's daughter² was married to Muḥammad Farrukh Siyar. As a result Sādāt Khān was promoted, and first had the title of Saiyid Ṣalābat Khān and a suitable rank, and then appointed Superintendent of the Artillery. On the day³ when the Bārah Saiyids seized Muḥammad Farrukh Siyar, Sādāt Khān, alias Saiyid Ḥusain Khān, with his sons had proceeded to Chāndnī Chauk and created a disturbance. He and one of his sons were killed, but three sons escaped. One was the Khān to whom this account relates, and the others Saif Khān and Saiyid Ḥusain Khān. Their jāgīr was confiscated by the Bārah Saiyids. Afterwards the said Khān joined Quṭbul-Mulk, and was with him in the battle⁴ which took place under the banner of Sultān Ibrāhīm.

When in 1133 A.H. (1720-21 A.D.) Emperor Muḥammad Shāh was married<sup>8</sup> to the daughter of Muḥammad Farrukh Siyar, who was

In Maāthir-i-Alamgīrī, p. 28 his name is Shēr Ullāh son of Sa'ādat Khān great grandson of Tarbiyat Khān. In Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, p. 679, he is described as Shēr Zād, and the event is wrongly described as having occurred in the 1st year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign.

r Irvine, in Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, LXXIII, p. 359, states in note that he is unable to explain the epithets. Mir Buzurg appears to mean a leading chieftain, while Marash is a town in Asiatic Turkey; apparently he was of Turkish origin.

2 She was Fakhr-un-Nissä Begum, see Irvine loc. cit: She was the mother of Malika-uz-Zamāni, the wife of Muḥammad Shāh.

3 9th Rabi II, 1131 A.H. (28th February, 1719 A.D.), see Irvine, loc. cit., pp. 342-344.

4 Battle of Hasnapur, 13th November, 1720 A.D. See Irvine, Later Mughals, II, pp. 85-93. The date according to Sir Jadunath Sarkar in Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 345 is 15th November.

5 See Siyar-i-Mutākh khirīn, Text, II, p. 455, where the date of the marriage is given as 19th Safr 1134 A.H (8th December, 1721 A.D.). She was Bādshāh Bēgum also known as Malikā-uz-Zamānī, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Op. cit., p. 346 gives the date as 9th January, 1721.

the daughter of Gauhar-un-Nissa Begum, the sister of the Said Khanthe marriage was celebrated with great splendour. Accordingly many of the officers presented lakhs of rupees, and every one received a dress of honour, and jewels and increase of pay. Besides, the Khan's daughter also was married to Emperor Muhammad Shāh, and was given the tittle of Sāḥibā Maḥal. On this score the Khān was treated with special favour, and given the rank of 4,000, and the post of Bakhshī of the Ahdīs. Afterwards he was appointed 4th Bakhshī on the death of Hamid-ud-Din Khan 'Alamgirshahi, and promoted to the rank of 6,000. As both the Begums of Emperor Muhammad Shah had no children, they together brought up (as their own son) Mīrzā Ahmad Bahadur<sup>1</sup> who after ascending the throne was known as Ahmad Shāh. When in the year 1161 A.H. (1748 A.D.) news was received that the Shah Durrani was marching towards India, and the Emperor could not, on account of dropsy, personally march to meet him, the said prince (Aḥmad Shāh) was sent under the guardianship of Saiyid Salābat Khān with I'timād-ud-Daulah the premier, Safdar Jang, the Head of the Artillery, and other officers to oppose the Afghans. A battle took place, and the Durranis were forced to retire to their native land2. Meanwhile Emperor Muhammad Shāh died, and Ahmad Shāh ascended the throne. The Khan became on the death of Nizam-ul-Mulk Asaf Jah the Mir Bakhshi, and was exalted by promotion to the rank of 8,000 with 8,000 horse, and given the title of Saiyid Sadat Khan Bahādur Dhulfiqār Jang. The Emperor used to call him Nānā Bābā (maternal grandpapa). As people are prone on account of selfish motives, jealousy and suspicion to work for others' disgrace, the eunuch Jāwīd Khān—who managed the affairs of the State, and was known as Nawab Bahadur-becoming jealous of him always carried tales against him to the Emperor. At least in 1164 A.H. (1751 A.D.) he was

<sup>1</sup> See Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of Mughal Empire, I, p. 341, and note. Ahmad Shah was the son of a concubine of Muhammad Shah, see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., p. 334.

<sup>2</sup> See Fall of Mughal Empire, I, 216-233. The battle took place at Manuput. See also Cambridge History of India, IV, pp. 272, 273.

imprisoned in the royal fort for three days, and most of his property was confiscated. The office of Mīr Bakhshī and the title of Amīr-ul-Umarā were transferred from him to Fīrūz Jang Bahādur, the eldest son of Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh. In the year 1166 A.H. (1753 A.D.) he was, at the instance of Ṣafdar Jang, again appointed Bakhshī, but as Ṣafdar Jang could not maintain his footing and retired to his estates in Oudh, the Khān also went with him and died there.

### SA'ADAT ULLAH KHAN

(Vol. II, pp. 513-514).

He belonged to the Nawait<sup>2</sup> tribes. In the time of Emperor Aurangzīb he was, at the instance of Dhūlfiqār Khān, appointed superintendent of the district of Karnātik (Carnatic) Ḥaidarābād. As he treated both and small great with equal consideration, he gained a name for magnanimity. After Mubāriz Khān was killed, and Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh proceeded to that quarter, Sa'ādat Ullāh through foresight came and welcoming him presented him all the gold in his possession. He was treated with honour, and allowed to return to his assignment. For a long time he governed that area, and gained a good name for his equity and justice. He died in 1145 A.H.<sup>3</sup> (1732 A.D.). After him Dōst 'Alī Khān son of his brother was appointed in his place. When the Marathas created a disturbance there, he opposed them, and he and his son Ṣafdar 'Alī Khān<sup>4</sup> were

For a detailed account see Fall of Mughal Empire, I, p. 358 et seq.

<sup>2</sup> In Wilson's Glossary (Gangulee & Basu edn.), p. 592, as Nawaethe meaning: those who had newly come. See also Col. Wilk's Hist. Sketches, I, p. 242. The Nawaits are believed to have settled on the west coast of India.

<sup>3</sup> According to Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary, p. 337, he died in 1135 A.H. (1722 A.D.).

<sup>4</sup> Dost 'Alī Khān was killed in this battle, but not his son Ṣafdar 'Alī Khān who, according to Beale, op. cit., p, 341, was murdered by his brother-in-law Murtadā 'Alī Khān at Vellore on 2nd October, 1742. For further details of Ṣafdar 'Alī's death see Yusuf Husain Khan—Nizamul-Mulk Āsaf lab, I, p. 250.

killed. Ḥusain Dōst Khān alias Chandā Ṣāḥib was Sa'ādat Ullāh Khān's son-in-law¹, and was in the fort of Trichinopoly, Raghū Bhōnsle besieged the fort and captured it. Chandā Ṣāḥib was made a prisoner, and was in prison for a long time, but was at last released on payment of a ransom. He went to Bījāpūr and joined the Zamīndār there.

When about this time disagreements arose between Nāṣir Jang, the Martyr, and Muzaffar Jang, he sided with the latter, and induced him by specious pretexts<sup>2</sup> (lit. by showing verdant gardens) to proceed to Arkāt (Arcot). When Anwar-ud-Dīn Khān the Faujdār of Arcot was slain, Chandā Ṣāḥib went towards Tanjōre<sup>3</sup> along with Muzaffar Jang, but as the seige was not successful, he returned with him. In the height of the battle (with Nāṣir Jang), he and the French left Muzaffar Jang and retired to the port of Pondicherry. When after the martyrdom of Nāṣir Jang, Muzaffar Jang came to power, he was again granted the Faujdārī of Arcot. After a little while Muḥammad 'Alī Khān alias Anwar-ud-Dīn Khān<sup>4</sup> brought an army of hat-wearers, (the English) against him. He was made a prisoner, and put to death. He had two sons. One was Zain-ud-Dīn Khān who was a man of jealous disposition. He composed poetry and his nom-de-plume was Bādil. This verse is his:

#### Verse

My pain is not one for examination by physicians, My wound is to be healed by the lustre of the sword. He fell bravely in battle. The second 'Alī Radā Khān is still alive.

- This is incorrect. He was the son-in-law of Dost 'Alī and not of Sa'ādat Ullāh Khān. He was taken prisoner by the Marhattas on 26th March, 1741, and imprisoned in the fort of Satara, but at the intervention of Dupleix released in 1748, and appointed Nawāb of Carnatic by Muzaffar Jang, He was killed by the Marhattas in 1752; see Beale, op. cit., p. 114,
  - 2 See Roebuck's Oriental Proverbs, II, No. 372.
- 3 Text Chanchawar, it is most probably Tanjore, as I have rendered it, or Conjevaram.
- 4 See chapter X of Yusuf Husain Khan's work cited above for a detailed account of the Carnatic affairs. Also see Cambridge Hist. of India, Vol. IV, pp. 386, 387, and V, p. 126 et seq.

# ŞADIQ <u>KH</u>AN MİR BA<u>KH</u>SHİ (Vol. II, pp. 729-731).

He was the son of Aqa Tahir-whose nom-de-plume was Wasli-the son of Muhammad Sharif of Herat, and brother's son and son-in-law of I'timad-ud-Daulah of Tehran. For a time he was, with his father. Faujdar of the Panjab, and in Emperor Jahangir's reign attained a suitable rank. In the 8th year of the reign he received the title of Khan, and in the 9th year was appointed Bakhshi, and raised to the rank of 1,000 with 500 horse. In the 10th year he had an increase of 200 horse, and gradually rose higher. In the 18th year he was appointed Governor of the Panjab<sup>2</sup>, and deputed to annex the northern hill country. After accomplishing this work he joined the Emperor's entourage with his contingent, and having made Jagat Singh—who for some time had been behaving seditiously in that quarter (the northern hill country)hopeful of royal favour, brought him to the Presence. Through the intercession of Nur Jahan Begum Jagar Singh was forgiven3. When Emperor Jahangir died on his way back from Kashmir, and Yaminud-Daulah, owing to the exigencies of the time, made Dawar Bakhsh, son of Khusrau, the sovereign, Sadiq Khan-who had been antagonistic towards Shah Jahan-became afraid of his fate in view of his past actions, and resorted to Yamin-ud-Daulah for protection. The latter took the three princes (sons of Shah Jahan) from Nur Jahan Begum,

and handed them over to Sadiq Khan so that service in their cause might become the means of his salvation. In the 1st year of

<sup>1</sup> This seems to be incorrect, as in Tūzuk-i-labāngiri (Rogers and Beveridge's translation), I, p. 701, he is mentioned in the 10th year as having been granted an increase of 300 horse bringing his rank to 1,000 personal and horse.

<sup>2</sup> Tuzuk, op. cit., p. 259. He is mentioned as holding office of the Mir Bakhshi in the 17th year, p. 222.

<sup>3</sup> See, however, Tuzuk, op. cit., p. 289.

<sup>4</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngiri, p. 295, also Banarsi Prasad's History of Shabjahan, p. 58. Sādiq Khān was the brother-in-law of Yamin-ud-Daulah Asaf Khān.

Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he presented himself with the three princes, and was graciously received and confirmed in his earlier rank of 4,000 with 4,000 horse, and the possession of a flag and drums1. As the office of the Bakhshī had already been assigned to Iradat Khan, who later at the recommendation of Yamin-ud-Daulah was made Wazīr, Sādiq Khān was restored to his office of Bakhshī and received a jewelled inkstand2. In the 6th year, he died3 on the 9th Rabī'I, 1043 A.H. (3rd September, 1633 A.D.). The Emperor, out of consideration for his services, sent Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahadur to console his sons. He had four sons, of whom Ja'far Khan was the ablest, and the second was Raushan-Damir Salabat Khanseparate accounts of both of whom have been given in this work\*. The third was 'Abdur Rahman whose heart's desire was gratified by an advance in his rank<sup>5</sup> after his father's death. Later he was appointed Bakbshī of Abadīs6. He7 was removed from this appointment in the 8th year, and in the 12th year8 he was raised to the rank of 1,000 foot with 400 horse. Still later he was exalted by the grant of the title of Marhamat Khan9. In the 19th year he was appointed10 to act as the host for Khusrau, son of Nadhar Muhammad Khan ruler of Balkh, who desired to wait on the Emperor while he was in Kābul. In the 20th year he was granted an increase of 500 with 400 horse11. The fourth was Bahram, whose account has been included in the notice of his son Bahramand Khan Mir Bakhshi12.

2 Op. cit., p. 186.

3 Op. cit., p. 538.

5 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. 1, p. 539.

6 Op. cit., p. 541.

7 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii. p. 68.

8 Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 134.

9 Op. cit., p. 146.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 181,

<sup>4</sup> For Ja'far Khan, see Maathir, Text, I, pp.531-535, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 722, 723. For Salābat Khān Raushan-Damir Maāthir, Text, II, pp. 731-733.

<sup>11</sup> With an increase of 500 his rank became 1,500 with 400 horse, op. cit., p. 594.

<sup>12</sup> Maāthir, Text I, pp. 454-457. Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 365-368.

It is stated that Sadiq Khan was courteous and affable, and tried to treat everyone with kindness, so much so that Mahabat Khan, who was an enemy of his family, regarded him as belonging to his party. He was very fond of horses, and had collected many Iranian (of the Iraqi race) ones. He, however, used every pretext<sup>1</sup> for fining soldiers for absence, and so was reviled by them.

## ŞADIQ MUHAMMAD KHAN HIRATI'

(Vol. II, pp. 724-729).

He was the son of Muhammad Baqir of Hirat, who was the minister of Qarā Khān Turkamān, ruler of Khurāsān, who rebelled against Shah Tahmasp. When Sadiq Muhammad came to India in straitened circumstances, he took up service under Bairam Khan, and was appointed his equerry (rikābdār). As a result of his honesty he soon obtained service under the Crown, and after Bairam Khan's death was promoted to the rank of an Amir. When after the conquest of Patna, Emperor Akbar returned to Jaunpur by boat, Sadiq Khān was ordered to bring back the camp slowly by the land route and over suitable ferries. It so happened that an elephant named Lal Khan was drowned at the Chausa ferry, and it was discovered that Sadiq Khan had not taken the necessary precautions in crossing the ferry. His fief was confiscated and he was forbidden to appear at the Court, and sent to Tatta4 (Sindh). It was laid down that until he produced an elephant to replace the one that was lost, he was not to be allowed to perform his obeisance. In fact it was a lesson in

I This is a reference to Sadiq Khan being also the Paymaster General in his view of his being the Mir Bakhshi. For Ghair hadari see Irvine, W. Army of the Indian Mughals, p. 25, according to which pay was cut "if a man was absent from three consecutive turns of guard (chauki)."

<sup>2</sup> Blochmann's translation of A'in I (2nd edn.,) pp. 382-384.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 105, Beveridge's translation, III. pp. 146, 147,

<sup>4</sup> In Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 143, the words are بنشن غراب which Beveridge, p. 201, has rightly translated as "desert of exile." Tatta, however, appears to be a lapsus calami for Bhatti in Central India.

service so that in royal affairs he was not to make a distinction between small things and great. He having spent some time in ups and downs, came to the court in the 20th year, and produced one hundred elephants in payment of his fine. He was restored to favour, and appointed to the charge of Garha<sup>1</sup> in place of Rāī Surjan.

In the 22nd year, Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān was deputed with other officers to chastise Rāja Madhukar, whose presumption had increased owing to the impregnable nature of his country. When he passed the borders of Narwar, he attempted to admonish the Rāja, but the latter did not hearken, and so Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān proceeded to cut the jungle². Near Orcha there was a great battle. Hōral Rāo the Rāja's son was killed and he himself was wounded. Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān to make certain took up quarters in the district. The Rāja was obliged to sue for peace, and in the 23rd year he with Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān came to the Court. After this the latter was granted a fief in the Eastern districts.

When Muzaffar Khān was killed by the rebels (in Bihār), and the greater part of Bengāl and Bihār was taken possession of by the rebels, Ṣādiq Muhammad Khān behaved with fidelity and courage, and fought them, and saved several valuable districts from falling into the hands of the rebels. In the 27th year, he fought with Khabīṭa—who, as an unknown man of the Mughal tribe, had served among the Badkhshān troops, and distinguished himself with Ma'ṣūm Kābulī as a sedition-monger. He came from Bengāl to Bihār and was practising tyranny on the peasantry. Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān fought a battle at Patna and was victorious. He cut off his (Khabīṭa's)³ head and sent it to the Court. When

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 158, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 223.

<sup>2</sup> Through some omission in the text the cutting down of the jungle is ascribed to Rāja Madhukar. I have restored the proper text following Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 229, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 324.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text; III, pp. 388, 389. Beveridge's translation, III, p. 575. For Khabīra also see Blochmann, op. cit. p. 383, note 1.

Wazīr Khān was forced to encamp at Bardwan in his campaign against Qutlū Karārānī (Lōhānī)—who had conquered Orīssa and because of whose trickery Wazīr Khān could not make any progress, Sādiq Muhammad Khān in the 29th year joined him, managed affairs so skilfully that Qutlū feeling helpless had to retire to Orissa. The officers followed him, and he getting alarmed proposed a peace, and sent his brother's son with choice elephants to the Court. The officers left Orissa to him, and Sadiq Muhammad Khan returned to his fief in Patna. When Shahbaz Khan returned unsuccessful from the Bhati country, and the fief-holders of Bihar were appointed to assist in the Bengal campaign; Sadiq Muhammad Khān and he did not get on. When one work is assigned to two discordant leaders, confusion arises, and so Khwaja Sulaiman was sent from the Court to arrange that one of them should undertake the work, and the other return to Bihar. Sadiq Muhammad Khan took the work into his own hands in the 30th year, and in the same year went post-haste to the Court without being summoned. He was not admitted to an audience. When Shahbaz Khan under royal orders returned from Bihar to Bengal, Sadiq Muhammad Khan came to the Court, and was appointed Governor of Multan. When the Raushanis of Tirah-which is a hill country west of Peshawar, 32 kos long and 12 broad—made the homeland of the Afridis and Orakza'is their shelter, and stirred up disturbances, Sadiq Muhammad Khan in 33rd year was appointed to put them down. By courage and skill he subdued them, and they agreed to keep the Khaibar route open, and handed over (to the imperialists) Mulla Ibrahim whom Jalālā respected as much as his father. Jalālā thereupon lost trust in them, and went off to Turan. When Zain Khan Kokawho had brought about some order in Swat and Bajaur-returned to the Court, Sadiq Muhammad Khan was ordered in the same year to march from Tirah and reduce to obedience the remainder of the recalcitrants. In the 38th year when Prince Sultan Murad was transferred from Mālwa to Gujarāt, and as Ismā'il Qulī Khān had not been able properly to manage the affairs of the Prince, Sadiq Muḥammad Khān was sent with the Prince as his guardian. In the 40th year when the Prince was ordered to conquer the Deccan, and Shāhrukh Mīrzā, Shāhbāz Khān and Khān Khānān wère appointed auxiliaries, the old dislike between Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān and Shāhbāz Khān again became acute, and they tried to injure each other. Though in the year 1004 A.H. (1595-96 A.D.) Aḥmadnagar was invested, and on account of the prevailing famine the besieged were in difficulties, yet owing to the disagreement and negligence of the officers Chānd Bībī maintained her position. At last peace was arranged on feeble and flimsy conditions, and the army withdrew. The Prince with the officers went off to Berār, and Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān taking upon himself the charge of the frontier made Mahkar his headquarters.

In the beginning of the 41st year, he was promoted to the rank of 5,000. In the same year he sent a force against and defeated Iwaz Khān², who was creating a disturbance, and obtained much plunder. When Khudāwand Khān Deccanī got together a number of Deccanī officers to join him and behaved with presumption, Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān marched out against him, and had many hand to hand fights. Khudāwand Khān could not withstand him and fled, after losing many men. When the Prince abandoning Berār to some extent encamped at some six kos from Bālāpūr in 1004 A.H. (1595-96 A.D.) and gave the place the name of Shāhpūr, and Khān Khānān and Mīrzā Shāhrukh were recalled to the Court, the control of the army and the administration of the country was assigned to Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān alone and without any other officer to participate in it. In the beginning of the 42nd

i Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 641. Beveridge's translation, III, p. 985.

<sup>2</sup> In Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 711, the name is الرور خاك ) which is adopted by Beveridge in the translation, p. 1059. Blochmann, p. 383, has Sarawar Khān. Maātbir has إلر سراه and apparently Blochmann regarded this as a part of the name الرور خال appears to be more correct as this name occurs later also in Akbarnāma.

year<sup>1</sup>, 1005 A. H. (1566-97 A. D.) he did of dysentry at Shāhpūr. He had made Dhōlpūr, 20 kos from Āgra his home, and had crected a sarā'ī, a building and his tomb there, and had developed the neighbouring villages. His eldest, son was Zāhid Khān² whose account has been separately recorded. His other sons were Dōst Muḥammad and Yār Muḥammad who had received suitable ranks during Emperor Akbar's reign. None of them survived into Shāh Jahān's reign. But Ṣādiq Muḥammad Khān Bā'ījī(?) lived for a long while in Dhōlpūr and died there.

## (ḤAKIM) ṢADRĀ (Vol. I, pp. 577-579).

His title was Masīh-uz-Zamān (Messiah of the Age), and he was the son of Ḥakīm Fakhr-ud-Dīn of Shīrāz, who in the time of Shāh Ṭahmāsp, the ruler of Irān, received the name of Mīrzā Muḥammad. Many of his relations, and people of his tribe were physicians. His genealogy goes up to Ḥārith, the son of Kalda³, who was in the service of "The Seal of the Prophets" (Muḥammad)! upon whom be Peace! Be virtue of his benediction the science of medicine will flourish in his family till the day of judgment. Ḥakīm Fakhr-ud-Dīn was an expert physician and a man of good words. He was very skilled in the curing of diseases. The learned of the age regarded his dicta as authoritative, and his treatment as trustworthy. The physicians of the day prided themselves on being his disciples, and discussed medical books on the basis of his opinions. But as he was a free thinker (bā tawassa mashrab mashbūr būd), the Shāh did not pay much

<sup>1</sup> Not in the beginning of the year, but in the 7th or 8th month of the year, see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 720, Beveridge's translation, p. 1074. Şādiq Khān died in March, 1597 A.D.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, p. 370.

<sup>3</sup> Kalāwāh in the text is apparently incorrect. I have followed Bādshāhnāma, I, part ii, p. 384, in adopting Kalda, as the account is apparently taken from it.

<sup>4</sup> Possibly the words mean that he was addicted to drinking.

regard to him. Hakim Sadrā, after learning other sciences, became famous, like his father, for his skill in medicine, and in the height of his youth migrated to India in the 46th year of Emperor Akbar's reign. In the time of Emperor Jahangir he was appointed head of the physicians, received the title of Masih-uz-Zaman1, and the rank of 3,000 with 500 horse2. After the accession of Emperor Shah Jahan he rose more and more into favour, and was appointed Reviser of Petitions ('Ard-i-Mukarrar)—an appointment which was not given to any one but a really trusted person. In the 4th year he3 obtained leave to go to Mecca, and through divine aid and guidance successfully performed the pilgrimage. He returned via Basra to the port of Lahari, and in the 8th year had the good fortune of kissing the threshold. He presented forty Arab horses which he had purchased in Basra and its neighbourhood. The present was accepted, and of these horses two, one a roan (buz) and the other a high-bred (tatf)which were very good-looking, well-mannered, sound of limbs and fastfooted—became the heads of the Emperor's stud; they were known respectively as Padshah Pasand (approved by the Emperor) and Tamam 'lyar (of perfect marks). The Hakim was reappointed to his old rank, presented an elephant, and Rs. 20,000 in cash, and appointed Governor of the blessed porr of Surat and the parganas pertaining thereto.

As the Hakim was a confirmed believer in the Imamiya sect, and

I See Rogers and Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk-i-Jabāngīri, II, pp. 213, 217. Jahāngīr's caustic remarks in regard to the Hakim refusing to treat him for his illness in the 17th year of the reign are specially interesting.

<sup>2</sup> In Bādshāhnāma, I, part i, his arrival at the Court in the 1st year of the reign of Shāh Jahān, and his being granted a robe of honour, and being confirmed in his earlier rank of 3,000 with 500 horse-is mentioned on pp. 159, 160.

<sup>3</sup> See Bādshāhnāma, I, part i, pp. 406, 407, for a detailed account. It is also noted that for the post of 'Ard-i-Mukarrar Hakim Hādhiq son of Hakim Hamām Gilāni—was appointed as his successor.

<sup>4</sup> The account is taken almost verbatim from Bādshāhnāma, I. part ii, pp. 102, 103.

was possessed of perfect piety and purity, he resigned his service<sup>1</sup>, and with a tranquil mind lived in retirement at Lāhōre. He spent most of the time in Lāhōre, but used to go to Kashmīr during summer. Sometimes he was sent for, and in accordance with orders would present himself at the Court. As he exerted himself in curing the Bēgam Ṣāḥib of the illness caused by her being burnt, he, in the 18th year, received an increase of Rs. 10,000 as a result of which his annual salary rose to Rs. 50,000<sup>2</sup>. Thereafter he was allowed to depart. In the 24th year corresponding to 1061 A.H. (1651 A.D.) he died in Kashmīr. He had a poetical vein and his nom-de-plume was Masiḥ-i-llāhī<sup>3</sup>. This verse is his:

#### Verse

My flavour is limited, but my price is beyond count! One would say it is an early fruit from the garden of my life.

It is stated that the Hakim had 300 maid servants. Every one had a fixed occupation, and they were all engaged in their respective duties from morning to evening, and from evening to midnight. He did not allow them even a moment's rest. When people asked him the reason for this strict regime and tyranny, he replied, "so long as women are not busy, idle thoughts come into their heads". It is also said that they were treated harshly in the matter of maintenance.

# (MIRZĀ) ŞAFAVĪ <u>KH</u>ĀN 'ALI NAQI (Vol. III, pp. 653, 654).

He was related to the Şafavî Kings. In the 47th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he came to India, and entered into service. He

- 1 The appointment of his successor as the Governor of Surat is mentioned in the 12th year on page 116 of Bādshāhnāma, II.
- 2 See, however, Bādsbābnāma II, p. 399, where it is stated that he received a reward of Rs. 10,000, and an increase of Rs. 14,000 which resulted in annual emoluments being increased to Rs. 50,000. He was granted a further increase of Rs. 10,000 in the 19th year, p. 505.
- 3 But his nom-de-plume is given as Ilābī only in the account of his career in Bādsbāhnāma, I, part ii, pp. 347, 348.

received the rank of 3,000¹ foot with 1,000 horse, and the title of Mīrzā Ṣafavī Khān, and was appointed to the high office of the 3rd Bakhsbī. In the 49th year when he was married² to the daughter of Mu'azzam Khān (Mīr Jumla), he was presented a robe of honour with a Sarpēch (turban ornament) and Rs. 12,000 in cash. After the death of Aurangzīb he accompanied Muḥammad Ā'zam Shāh from the Deccan to Upper India, and was in the centre in the battle³ against Bahādur Shāh. Several notable officers sacrificed their lives with Ā'zam Shāh, and he also was⁴ killed.

### ŞAFDAR KHAN KHWAJA QASIM

(Vol. II, pp. 733-736).

He is Saiyid Atāi'. It is stated that he originally was one of the numerous servants of 'Abdullah Khān Bahādur Fīrūz Jang<sup>5</sup>. Later he attached himself to Prince Shāh Jahān, and by his long service during the period of alienation (from Jahāngīr) secured a place for himself in the Prince's affections. After the accession he, in the 1st year, attained the rank of 2,500 foot with 1,200 horse, and received a dress of honour, a jewelled dagger, a horse with a silver saddle, an elephant, and a present of Rs. 30,000 in cash<sup>6</sup>. Later, he received the title of Ṣafdar Khān<sup>7</sup>—which in Emperor Jahāngīr's

This appointment is recorded in the account of the 48th year, see Maāthir-i-'Alamgirī. p. 482, where it is stated that he was granted Rs. 5,000 cash on arrival at Sūrat for his expenses, and was appointed to the office of 3,000 with 1,000 horse, and granted a robe of honour, a horse, an elephant, and a jīghā studded with gems.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 496.

<sup>3</sup> Battle of Jajau, 18th June, 1707.

<sup>4.</sup> Irvine, Later Mughals, I, pp. 31, 32.

<sup>5</sup> For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 777-789, Beveridge's translation I, pp. 97-105.

<sup>6</sup> This is based on Badshahnama, I, part i, p. 118, but the cash award there is Rs. 25,000 and not Rs. 30,000.

<sup>7</sup> Op. at., p. 201.

time had been held by Mīrzā Lashkarī son of Saiyid Yūsuf Khān Radavī, and who was now granted the title of Şaf Shikan Khān. He was also appointed Faujdar and fief-holder of Sironj. At the time of the first rebellion of Jujhār Singh he was deputed with Khān Jahān Lodi on the expedition against him. After that he received the gift of a flag. In the 2nd year he went with Khwaja Abul Hasan Turbati in pursuit of Khan Jahan Lodi, and in 3rd year he was honoured by an increase of 500 horse in his rank and the grant of drums. He then joined Rão Ratan Hārā—who with some other officers had been appointed to block the path of the rebels by taking post at Basim at Bālāghāt in the province of Berār, Telingāna. Later he was promoted2 to the rank of 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse. In the 4th year he was appointed3 Governor of the capital and defender of its fort. In the 5th year his rank was increased to 4,000 foot with 2,500 horse4, and on the return of the Emperor from the Deccan, he did homage, and was appointed ambassador to Iran. At the time of departure he was allowed 1 1/2 lacs of rupees for expenses, and presented a dress of honour, a jigha, a jewelled dagger, a horse with a golden saddle and an elephant. He was also to convey presents to the value of 4 lacs of rupees, one lac of which was in the form of decorated vessels, and the other three lacs comprised various rarities of India<sup>5</sup>. After reaching Iran, he had to wait a long time for an interview as the ruler of Iran, Shah Safi, had gone on an expedition to Erivan on the borders of Turkey. After the interview, the Shah greatly impressed by his knowledge of the etiquette visited him at his house, and greatly favoured him till his departure. He presented suitable gifts to the Emperor, and souvenits to the officers. In the 11th year he returned, and in the 12th year after reaching the Presence he presented to the Emperor 500 Iranian horses and various rarities of Iran. As he had performed the business of the embassy in a suitable

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 241.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 307.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 369.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 408.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., pp. 477, 478.

<sup>6</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 15.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 117, but as he had arrived alone his peshkash consisted of

manner, he was treated with great favour, and his rank was advanced to 5,000 with 3,000 horse1. In the same year, when the Emperor went from Agra to Lahore, he, on the way, was appointed Governor of the capital, and granted a special dress of honour, a jewelled dagger with Phul Katara and an elephant2. In the 14th year he was removed from there3, but on his arrival at the Court his rank was increased to 5,000 with 5,000 horse, and he was exalted by the grant of a dress of honour, a horse with golden saddle, and an elephant, and sent as the Governor of Qandahar in place of Qulij Khan. In the 17th year5 he returned to the Court after removal from that office. As he had been ill in Qandahar he could not pay his respects, and in the 18th year corresponding to 10556 A.H. (1645 A.D.) he died. His sons were favoured by appointment to suitable offices. The eldest was Khwaja 'Abdul Hadi whose account' has been separately recorded. His second son was Khwaja 'Abdul 'Azīz who upto the 3rd year had the rank of 800 with 600 horse.

## SArI <u>KH</u>AN (Vol. II, pp. 740-742).

He was the second son of Islam Khans Mashhadi. In the 19th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign when his father was appointed

only 1,000 gold muhars and nine 'Irāqī horses. His offerings which were presented later are recorded on page 125.

1 Op. cit., p. 122.

2 Op. cit., p. 130.

3 Op. cit., p. 215.

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- 4 Op. cit., pp. 223, 224.
- 5 He was removed from office in the 17th year, op. cit., p. 356, but did not reach the Court till the 18th year, p. 413.
- 6. In the text the year of his death is wrongly given as 1054 A.H., instead of 1055 A.H., as in Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 418.
- 7 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 772, 773, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 35, 36.
- 8 For his account see Maäthir-ul-Umara, Text, I, pp. 162-167, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 694-696.

Governor of the Deccan, he received a suitable increase in his rank, and went1 with his father. In the 20th year, he came to the court with his father's offerings (pēshkash), and in the 21st year when his father died, he was promoted2 to the rank of 1,500 with 400 horse. In the 22nd year he accompanied Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahadur to Qandahar. In the 23rd year he was deputed as an envoy to 'Adil Khan at Bijapur. In the 25th year he came to the Court with 'Adil Khān's tribute-which in cash and goods amounted to forty lacs of rupees and kissed the royal threshold. After that he accompanied Sultan Aurangzīb on the Qandahār campaign. In the 26th year on return from there he was appointed Bakhshi and recorder of the four provinces of the Deccan<sup>5</sup>. In the 27th year he was exalted by the grant of the title of Khan6, and in the 30th year his rank, on account of some fault, was reduced by 500 and 100 horse; and on being relieved from office he was recalled to the Court. In the 31st year he was granted an increase of 200 horse, and appointed Commandant of the Kangra' Fort. Later, when the throne was embellished by the coronation of Emperor 'Alamgir, he, in the 1st year, when the Emperor was going to Ajmer to contend with Dara Shikoh, came to the Presence, and was appointed Commandant of the fort of the capitals. In the 2nd year he appointed Bakhshi of the Household Troops (Wala Shahis), and in the 5th year was raised to the rank of 3,000 with 1,200 horse. In the 6th year he was appointed Commandant and manager of the affairs of the capital in succession to Hoshdar Khan. In the 10th year he went to the Deccan with Sultan Muhammad Mu'azzam. In the 12th year he was appointed Governor of Orissa? in succession to Tarbiyat Khān. Afterwards he was Governor of Agra, and in the 17th year was appointed Governor of Shāhjahānā-

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<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amal Salih, II, pp. 433, 434.

<sup>2</sup> Amal Salib, III. p. 9.

<sup>3</sup> *ld.*, p. 105.

<sup>4</sup> ld., p. 126.

<sup>5</sup> Id., p. 151.

<sup>6</sup> ld., p. 175.

<sup>7</sup> Id., p. 248. 'Alamgirnama, p. 292. His rank according to the same source was 9 Maāthir-i-'Alamgīri, p. 90.

raised to 2,000 with 1,000 horse-

bad¹ (Delhī). In the 21st year he was appointed2 to accompany Sultan Muhammad Akbar, who was sent as the Governor of Multan. In the 22nd year he returned and was appointed Governor of the province of Agra. In the 27th year he had charge of Aurangabad\*, and in the 28th year he was again appointed Governor of the province of Agra. His son was Mīr 'Abd-us-Salām, who during Emperor Aurangzib's reign had the rank of 1,000 with 500 horse, and the title of Barkhūrdār Khān; he was also Superintendent of Sultan Mu'azzam's Artillery. When the said Prince ascended the throne, he received his grandfather's title of Islam Khan, had the rank of 5,000, and was appointed Superintendent of the Dīwān-i-Khās and the Chief Mir Tuzuk. In the reign of Muhammad Farrukh Siyar he was for a time Mir Tuzuk, and also for some time the 2nd Bakhshi. In the reign of Muhammad Shah he was promoted to the rank of 7,0007. It is said that he was firm and trustworthy, and was well known for his good living. The Qabūlī Islāmkhānī8, which he introduced, was well prepared in his establishment.

# ŞAF SHIKAN <u>KH</u>ĀN MĪR ŞADĪR-UD-DĪN (Vol. II, pp. 746, 747).

He was the son of Qawām-ud-Dīn Khān brother of Khalīfa Sulţān Premier of Irān. In the 17th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he came to India with his farher, and entered royal service. He was granted a dress of honour, a sword with golden trappings, and the

<sup>1</sup> Id., p. 132.

<sup>2</sup> Id., p. 167.

<sup>3</sup> Id., p. 181.

<sup>4</sup> ld., p. 243.

<sup>5</sup> Id., p. 246.

<sup>6</sup> Apparently he is the officer who acted as intermediary between Farrukh Siyar and the Bārah Saiyids, see Later Mughals, I, pp. 298, 299.

<sup>7</sup> He is mentioned in Khāfī Khān, II, p. 827, as the Governor of Agra, and who was forced in the conspiracy to raise Nēkū Siyar to the throne.

<sup>8</sup> Qabūli is a dish made of meat, pulse and rice with various condiments, see Blochmann's translation of A'in I (2nd edition), p. 62.

rank of 700 with 100 horse1. When his father died in the 23rd year, he received a mourning dress, and sometime after was granted the title of Shujā'at Khān; later he was appointed Chief of the Artillery2. In the 25th year he had the title of Saf Shikan Khan, and received as gifts a dress of honour, a jewelled jīghā', a flag and a togh, and was sent off to Seringapatam. In the 29th year he offered his obeisance at the Court, and received a dagger and an elephant and was sent back to Bijapur3 which was being besieged by Muhammad A'zam After it was taken in the 30th year, he received4 the gift of Shāh. drums, and went with Firuz Jang for the taking of the fort of Ibrahimgarh in the province of Haidarabad. In the siege of Golconda he erected a lofty battery, and brought it close to the battlements. He placed 90 cannon on it, but owing to a disagreement with Fīrūz Jang he withdrew from the work and resigned<sup>5</sup>. Accordingly he was censured, dismissed from his rank and had to go into the retirement of a prison. After some days he presented a written bond to the effect that he would erect a battery on the other side in a short time, and bring it close to the battlements of the fort. On this assurance he was released from the prison, and did what he had promised7. 39th year he went with Khanazad Khan to chastise Santājī Ghorpare. Owing to the jugglery of the heavens a defeat ensued, as has been detailed in the account of Qasim Khan Karmania.

<sup>1</sup> Madthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 130. His father's name is given as Mir Qawamud-Din.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 240; this was in the 27th year.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit. p. 271.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 280, 284.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 290.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 291. 7 Op. cit., p. 291.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 375. The name of the Marhatta general is given as Baswant in the text, but it was Santāji Ghorpare for whom see Kincaid & Parasnis History of the Maratha People, pp. 142, 144, 151, 155, 158, 162, 166, 170, and Cambridge Hist. India, IV, pp. 291-295. Sir Jadunath Sarkar describes him there as "the greatest Maratha soldier after Shivaji."

<sup>9</sup> Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, III, pp. 123-126, translation antea, pp. 505-507.

He was censured and appointed Faujdar of Dhamuni. His son was Mukhlis Khan of whom a separate account has been given.

### SAF SHIKAN KHAN MIRZA LASHKARI',

(Vol. II, pp. 736-738).

He was the son of Saiyid Yūsuf Khān Radavī3 of whom a separate account has been given. After his father's death he, in Emperor Akbar's reign, was working as the Thanadar of Bir in the Deccan. In the beginning of Emperor Jahangir's reign he received the title of Safdar Khan, and was granted a fief in Bihar. In the 5th year he was promoted to the rank of 1,500 with 700 horse4, and in the 6th year5 was appointed Governor of Kashmir in place of Hashim Khan son of Qāsim Khān Mīr Bahr. In the 8th year he was removed6 from there, and in the 21st year when Mahābat Khān became presumptuous and fled from the Presence, and news was received that his treasure, which was being brought over from Bengal, had reached near Delhi, Safdar Khan was deputed with a force to take possession of it. When he reached there, Mahābat Khān's men shut themselves up in the inn (sarāi'), and engaged themselves in fighting. After the gate of the inn was set on fire they ran away, and he took possession of the treasure<sup>7</sup>. Afterwards when Emperor Shah Jahan ascended the throne, he was confirmed in the rank of 2,500 with 2,000 horse—which he had held at the end of Emperor Jahangir's reign. When Khwaja Qāsim Saiyid Atāi' was granted the title of Safdar Khān, his title was

<sup>1</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 641-644, translation antea, pp. 251-253.

<sup>2</sup> Blochmann in his translation of  $\bar{A}$  in I (2nd edition) included a short account of his life at the end of his father's biography.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 314-321.

<sup>4</sup> Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri. I, p. 167.

<sup>5</sup> Id., p. 256, but this was in the 8th year.

<sup>6</sup> Id., p. 303; not in the 8th year as in the text, but in the 10th year.

<sup>7</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngīrī, pp. 278, 279, also see Beni Prasad History of Jahangir, p. 419; this took place near Shāhābād.

changed to Saf Shikan Khān. When Bīr was taken out of the hands of the officers of Nizām-ul-Mulk Deccanī, he, according to the old arrangements, was (again) appointed *Thānadār* of the place<sup>1</sup>. He remained there a long time. For some reason he became the object of censure, and was deprived of his rank and fief. A pension of Rs. 12,000 a year was assigned to him, and he resided in Lāhōre. In the 19th year corresponding to 1055 A.H. (1645 A.D) he² died.

It is stated that he was of a perverse nature, of a careless disposition and a babbler. He would blurt out whatever came into his mind. As he was an old officer the governors of the Deccan used to treat him with respect. When he was the Governor of Kashmir he went alone with one groom as an envoy to the Raja of Kishtwar. He was recognized by the people of the country and imprisoned, but was released at the intercession of the Raja's mother. For a time he was appointed to Kābul. He invited the Mansabdārs of the area to a feast, and gave all of them roast pork to eat. When this was reported to Emperor Jahangir, he was summoned to the Presence and his explanation was asked for. He stated that wine and pork were equally prohibited, but here (apparently meaning in the Court of Emperor Jahangir) pork alone was regarded as unsavoury. Accordingly he was out of favour for a time. Khan Jahan (Lodi) took his part, and by presenting him a sum of money and appointing him to the Thanadari of Bir a shadow of mercy was spread over him; but he had the merit of looking after his relations.

# ŞAF SHIKAN <u>KH</u>AN MUḤAMMAD ṬAHIR (Vol. II, pp. 738-740).

About the end of the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan he was appointed Superintendent of the Artillery in the Deccan. When Aurangzib made the wish for enquiring after his father's health a

<sup>1</sup> Bādshābnāma, I, pt. i, p. 250. 2 Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 725.

<sup>3</sup> Either the conjunction but is sarcastic implying that Emperor Jahangir was possessed of this good quality, or that Saf Shikan Khan was very claunish.

pretext for going to Upper India, Muhammad Tahir after the crossing of Narbada was honoured by the grant of title of Saf Shikan Khan1. In the battle against Mahārāja Jaswant Singh he rendered good service. In the 1st year (of Aurangzīb's reign) he was sent with Shaikh Mīr Khawāfī to the bank of Jumnā to block the way for Sulaimān Shikōh. Afterwards he was with Khalil Ullah Khan who with Mīrza Raja Jai Singh had been sent to pursue Dara Shikoh, who was hurrying towards Panjāb. When the news of the flight of Dārā Shikōh from Multan was received, he was appointed with a force to pursue him. He did not halt till he reached Tatta. When Dara Shikoh entered the Gujarāt territory, Şaf Shikan Khān meanwhile having received the orders of recall returned and waited upon Emperor Aurangzīb when the latter went to Ajmer to fight the second battle with Dara Shikoh. In the 4th year he was, on account of some fault, deprived of his rank. After some time he was pardoned, and was confirmed in the rank of 2,000 foot with 1,000 horse, and in the 5th year received an increase of 200 horse. In the 6th year, when the Emperor went to Kashmīr, he was directed to station himself at the foot of the Bhimbar Pass, and to guard the passage in that area3. In the end of the same year his rank was advanced to 3,000 with 1,500 horse, and he was sent with a force to the Deccan to join Sultan Mu'azzam. In the 9th year he returned to the Court. In the 10th year he was again attached to the said Prince, who had been sent to administer the Deccan4. In the 11th year he returned to the Court, and in the 12th year was appointed Faujdar6 of Mathura. In the 17th year on the death of Shujā'at Khān Ra'adandāz Khān, he was appointed Superintendent' of the Artillery. In the 18th year corresponding to 1085 A.H. (1674 A.D.) he died.

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 53.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīri, p. 17.

<sup>3</sup> Id., p. 46.

<sup>4</sup> Id., p. 61.

<sup>5</sup> ld., p. 77.

<sup>7</sup> ld., p. 132.

# SA'ID <u>KH</u>ĀN BAHĀDUR ZAFAR JANG (Vo. II, pp. 429-437).

He, a Chaghtai', was the son of Ahmad Beg Khan Kabuli'. Through his ancestor Amīr Ghiyāth-ud-Dīn Tarkhān-who was an Amīr of Tīmūr—and by his other ancestors who attained the ranks of Amīrs, he was a house-born servant of ten generations (dab kursī)2. From the time of Emperor Jahangir he was an auxiliary of the Kabul administration. He was unique for his bravery and courage, and for his good judgement. Through his favourable stars and good fortune he, without coming to the presence, attained, by successive promotions, during Emperor Shah Jahan's reign, a high rank, and was appointed Governor of the Kābul area. As princes and great men have inspirations, the Emperor, in spite of the fact that Sa'id Khan had not rendered any conspicuous service, raised him in his absence. between the 1st and 2nd year of the reign, from the rank of 2,000 to one of 3,000 with 2,000 horse3. In the 3rd year in the Dhul Hijjah of 1039 A. H. (July 1630 A. D.) when Kamāl-ud-Dīn Röhīlla on the writing of Khān Jahān Lodī foolishly stirred up a commotion, and induced many of the Afghan tribes, from the river of Attak (Indus) to the neighbourhood of the city of Kābul, to join him; he first raised the dust of strife in Peshawar. Sa'id Khan received news of it at the thana of Köhat, and moved over to Peshawar the same day. As he had not with him such a force that he could engage in battle after providing for the safety of the city, he was obliged to remain in the mud-fort—which with the passage of time had fallen into a state of disrepair. He distributed the batteries, and provided for the security of every district. The auda-

<sup>1</sup> For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 126, 127. Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 156, 157. Sa'id Khān was his second son.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps the author implies that he was connected with <u>Ghiyāth-ud-Dīn</u> Tarkhān through his (maternal) grandfather. The passage is taken from <u>Bādshāhnāma</u>, I, pt. i, pp. 400, 401.

<sup>3</sup> Bādsbāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 266.

cious rebels-who were like locusts and ants in numbers-fell upon the city, but wherever they attacked, the defenders manned the batteries with musketeers, and then sallied forth and putting the enemy to the sword returned triumphant. One day they carried boards in front of them in place of shields and advanced to the fort. Sa'id Khan heeded not their numbers, and attacked them at full gallop, and despatched many of them to hell. The others fled, but Sa'id Khan pursued them for 5 or 6 kos, and put to the sword whosoever he met. As a reward, he was promoted to the rank of 4,000. In the 4th year when the inhabitants of Kabul-who were Hanasis, were discontented with the administration of Lashkar Khān2, the Governor, on account of the difference in their respective religious beliefs, Sa'id Khan was transferred from the Thanadari of the Bangashes as the Governor3 of Kābul, and the number of his cavalry was increased; he rendered valuable service in uprooting the basis of the Afghan distur-As he had not paid his respects since the accession, he came in the 7th year and offered his obeisance, and then returned4. By excellent planning he induced Abdul Qadir son of Ahd Dad-who was the leader of rebellion amongst the Afghans in the Kabul direction-to abondon his evil ways, and to become an active servant of the Empire. In the 8th year he personally brought him to the Sa'īd Khān was graciously received and his rank was advanced to 5,000 foot with 4,000 horse, and he was sent back to Kabul with 'Abdul Qadir who was given the rank of 1,000.

In the 11th year the tribes of Naghiz sent for Karīm Dād Kor Raushānī, who was in the Lohānī country, and raising a commotion took possession of the parganas of Bangash, Sa'id Khān sent a strong force to extirpate them. Many of the hillmen were awed and joined

<sup>1</sup> ld., pp. 311-314; he was given the rank of 4,000 with 2,500 horse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> He is 'Abul Ḥasan Mashhadi who had the title of Lashkar Khān. For his account see *Maāthir-ul-Umarā*, Text, III, pp. 163-168, Beveridge and Prashad's translation, I, pp. 831-834.

<sup>3</sup> Id., pp. 400, 401.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, pp. 11, 13.

as imperial servants. Karīm Dād sought refuge in ravines difficult of access, but the brave warriors continued to pursue him, and arriving like a sudden calamity started a violent attack. Those with whom he had taken shelter, finding the position helpless, seized him with his family and dependants, and delivered them to the imperialists. He was capitally punished, and the world was delivered from his commotions1. In the same year, 1047 A.H. (1637-38 A.D.), 'Alī Mardān Khān, the ruler of Qandahār, having decided to give up his allegiance to the Shah of Iran, turned his face of hope towards the threshold of-Emperor Shah Jahan. Sa'id Khan in accordance with the orders started for that place. On reaching near Qandahat he learnt that Siyāwash Qublar Aqāsī (Commander of the troops) had arrived with nearly 7,000 Qazilbash cavalrymen at about a kos from Qandahar, and was getting ready for a contest. Sa'īd Khān left Mīrzā Shaikh his eldest son with 'Alī Mardan Khan to defend the fort, and himself marched out with 8,000 cavalry. A fierce engagement took place, and the men of both sides performed brave deeds, but at last the Iranians were defeated, and taking to flight did not turn rein till they reached their camp. In reward for this outstanding victory Sa'id Khān was promoted to the rank of 6,000 with 6,000 horse, and granted the title of Bahadur Zafar Jang2. Mīrzā Shaikh received the title of Khānāzād Khān.

As the Qandahār territory had been assigned to Qulīj Khān, Sa'īd Khān looked after its administration till he arrived. In the 12th year he came to the Court, and was graciously received. In this year the Emperor visited Kābul. As owing to inattention on the part of Emperor Jahāngīr the administration of the country had fallen into disorder, some of the Aimaqs of the Hazārājāt frontiers of Kābul rebelled against the Governor, and joined Ilangtōsh Ūzbeg who was taiding the country and reducing the people to submission. Sa'īd

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, pp. 13, 14.

<sup>2</sup> Id., p. 47, for a detailed account of the campaign see, pp. 23-60.

<sup>3</sup> Id., p. 128.

ota vistada salat desid Khan was deputed for the chastisement and admonition of these shortsighted persons. The said Khān immediately after receiving instructions went to that area, and overran the country with his troops. Everyone who submitted was pardoned and protected. In the 14th year the charge of Kābul was assigned to 'Alī Mardan Khān, and Sa'id Khān succeeded him as the Governor of Panjāb; Khānazād Khan was exalted by being appointed as the Faujdar of the Daman-i-Köh of Kängra, and was deputed to accompany Prince Murad Bakhsh for chastising Jagta (Jagat Singh) the Zamīndār of Mau'.2 Although he did not spare himself, he was somewhat slower than others in the taking of the fort of Mau'. After the termination of this campaign he was sent off as the Governor of Multan. In the 16th year he was appointed Governor of Lahore. In the 17th year he was appointed Governor of Qandahar, and so handed over the administration of the Panjāb to his son Khānazād Khān4. In the 20th year, he left his second son Luth Ullah as his deputy in Qandahar, and came to the Presence, and was again appointed Governor of Multan. same year he was promoted to the high rank of 7,000 foot and went<sup>6</sup> with his sons to Balkh in attendance on Prince Muhammad Aurrangzīb Bahādur. In the famous seven days' Battle of Balkh he was in command of the left wing. Near Aqcha he sent his Bakhshī with a force to hold the bank of a canal—which lay across the road of the enemy-and to prevent them from crossing it. A few Uzbegs appeared on the opposite bank, and stood there unconcerned. The voung brave men, eager for the fray, behaved without caution and crossing the canal chased them. They had gone a little distance, when a large force of Uzbegs came out of an ambush and surrounded them all round like a halo. They bravely sacrificed their lives. Khānazād Khān and

<sup>1</sup> Id., p. 222.

<sup>2</sup> Id., p. 236.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, p. 317.

<sup>4</sup> Id., p. 356; but according to the account Khānazād Khān was appointed Commandant of the fort of Qalāt, and Qulij Khān Governor of the Panjāb.

<sup>5</sup> Id., p. 577.

<sup>6</sup> Id., pp. 640, 641.

Lutf Ullah by their father's order quickly arrived there, and with a view to avenging their comrades' misfortune attacked the enemy. Meanwhile another large force which had turned back from confronting Bahadur Khan Rohilla came up and joined them in the fight. Despite his illness he attacked their centre like a lion. In the height of the battle when the two sides were almost equally matched, Sa'īd Khān's horse stumbled into a hole, and he was thrown on the ground. On foot he fought bravely. The armies of the two sides came to close grips. Khānazād Khān and Lutf Ullāh Khān fought bravely and went to paradise. The brave Khan though he was wounded was still fighting heroically, when the Prince arriving scattered the foes and saved Sa'id Khan from death1. In accordance with the royal, orders he started for the Court, and in the 21st year he had the good fortune of kissing the threshold of Khilafat. Emperor Shah Jahan by his royal kindness and favours comforted him and appointed him Governor of Bihar,2 and the sum of a lac of rupees, which was due from his sons, was remitted. In the 24th year he came to the Court from Bihar, and was appointed Governor of Kabul. In the 25th year, on 2nd Safar, 1062 A.H. (4th January, 1652 A.D.) he' died. As he had performed valiant and outstanding services, and by virtue of his devotion and zeal had attained a high office as his reward from the august sovereigns of this great kingdom, the appreciative Emperor lamented his death and prayed forgiveness for him from the Almighty.

Sa'id Khan was of a soldierly mien. He was a good leader, and was firm in his dealings. So long as he lived, he never lost his good position or his influence. He had a large family. It is stated that he had twenty-two sons. The first and second sons, who were the best of them, fell in the Balkh campaign, as has been recorded already. After his death his son 'Abdullah' received the rank of 2,000 and Fath Ullah of 1,000, while Nașrat Ullah and others were given suitable ranks.

i Id., pp. 688-691. 2 'Amal Sālih, III, p. 6. 3 ld., p. 123. 4 ld., p. 134. 5 ld., p. 134.

## Sa'īd <u>Kh</u>ān Chaghtā SA'ĪD <u>KH</u>ĀN CHAGHTĀ<sup>1</sup>

(Vol. II, pp. 403-408).

Sa'id Khān's ancestors served the Timurid dynasty throughout with distinction and fidelity, and were always well known and held high positions. His grandfather Ibrāhīm Bēg2 Chābūq was one of Emperor Humāyūn's officers, and was one of the leading officers in the Bengal campaign. His son Yusuf Beg while coming from Oudh to Bengal in the course of that campaign was attacked in the vicinity of Jaunpur by Jalal Khan alias Salim Shah. He died a hero's death. Another son Ya'qub Beg, the father of Sa'id Khan, was among the distinguished men of the time. Through his good fortune, courage and bravery, he, during the reign of Emperor Akbar, rose to a very high rank and surpassed his ancestors in wealth, position and reputation. For a long time he was in Multan3. As, in addition to a noble lineage, he had an abundant share of ability, tact and modesty, he in the 22nd year was appointed guardian4 of Prince Daniyal. When the inhabitants of the Panjab complained against Shah Quli Khan Mahram<sup>5</sup>, the Governor of the province, Satid Khan was appointed in his place. Later, when the administration of Lahore was with the military charge of the province assigned to Raja Bhagwant Das Kachwaha, Sa'id Khan was granted the sarkar of Sambale as his fief. In the 28th year he was summoned to the Court, promoted to the rank of 3,000, and made, fief-holder of Hajipur and the adjacent territory in succession

<sup>1</sup> For his life see Blochmann's translation of A'in, 1 (2nd edn.), pp. 351, 352. It is not mentioned in either of the notices that his daughter was married to Prince Salim.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnama, Text, I, p. 149, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 330, note 1.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 37, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 53.

<sup>4</sup> ld., Text, III, p. 204, translation, III, p. 288.

<sup>5</sup> Id., Text, III, p. 247, translation, III, pp. 356, 357.

<sup>6</sup> Id., Text, III, p. 397, translation, III, p. 587.

<sup>7</sup> Id., Text, III, p. 422, translation, III, p. 629.

to Mīrzā Kōka. In the 32nd year when Wazīr Khān died in Bengāl, Sa'īd Khān was sent from Bihār to take charge of that province1. He for a long time carried on the administration of that area, and in recognition of his services was promoted to the rank of 5,000. Rāja Mān Singh was appointed to Bengāl2, Sa'īd Khān returned to the Court in the 40th year, and presented 100 elephants with trappings. In the 41st year 1004 A.H. (1595-96 A.D.) he was teappointed as Governor of Bihar. When in the year 1011 A.H. (1602-03 A.D.) Mīrzā Ghāzī, after the death of his father Mīrzā Jānī Bēg behaved presumptuously in Sindh, Emperor Akbar assigned the fief of Multan4 and Bhakkar to Satid Khan, and sent him against the Mīrzā. On Sa'īd Khān's arrival at Bhakkar, the Mīrzā gave up his evil designs, and on the advice of Khusrau Khan, who was the Vakīl and old servant of the family, waited upon Sa'īd Khān. The Mīrzā made friends with Sa'īd Khān's son Sa'd Ullāh Khān-who was not wanting in laudable qualities-and in his company had the good fortune of kissing the royal threshold.

It is stated that in Emperor Jahāngīr's time Sa'īd Khān was nominated to the government of the Panjāb. As it had been reported that his eunuchs oppressed the peasantry, a bond was to be taken from Sa'īd Khān to the effect that he would have to pay with his head if the people were oppressed. At this time, he died, and was buried in the garden of Sirhind. It is said that he left over the charge of affairs to one Chatr Bhōj, and did not

- 1 Id., Text, III, p. 525, translation, III, p. 800.
- 2 ld., Text. III, p. 650, translation, III, p. 999. On Rāja Mān Singh's appointment as Governor of Bengāl in the 39th year, Sa'id Khān was appointed Governor of Bihār. He returned to the Court in the 40th year, Text, p. 671, translation, p. 1031.
  - 3 ld., Text, III, p. 711, translation, III, p. 1060.
- 4 ld., Text, III, p. 810, translation, III, p. 1216, but this happened in the year 1010 A.H.
  - 5 ld., Text, III, p. 839, translation. III, p. 1257.
- 6 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tüzuk-i-labāngiri, l, p. 13, and notes 1, 2.

look into the things himself. He was very fond of eunuchs, and had in his entourage some 1,200 good looking and well trimmed Three of them he selected as their chiefs. Each of them had to find 400 well-equipped ones for the night watch. In addition, there were other leading servants, and he had fixed four watches. At every watch 400 plates of food were placed before the soldiers. It is stated that when after twenty years' stay in Bengal and Bihar-which are moist areas-he came to Multan, his clerks, combined together, and took out ten seers weight of uncoined and hammered (madrub) gold-which was plentiful in his treasury—and represented that they had weighed the gold in Bengal which was a damp country, and that now in Multan-where the sun was very strong and hot—the weight had been reduced by ten seers. Sa'id Khan replied, "This is a slight difference. I should have expected it to amount to a maund". This incident is likely to be misunderstood by subtle critics. Sa'id Khan had risen to the high position he held during Emperor Akbar's reign as a result of thorough and intense training, and was well known for his sagacity and ability. The reign of Emperor Akbar-who is rightly regarded as the founder of good administration—was far in advance of other sovereigns; his administration provided excellent opportunities for correctly assessing the capabilities of all impostors, while there was a ready market for experts in all trades and professions. It was, therefore, impossible for base or gilded coins to gain currency during that regime. It was not through folly and ignorance, but as a result of knowingly ignoring and overlooking the transgression in deference to the needs of the times, that such an offence was treated (by Sa'id Khan) magnanimously and with lenience and indifference. particularly during a period of power and plenty—it is not without particularly during a period of power and pictury—it is not with the particularly during a period of power and pictury—it is not without and generosity but not through ignorance. If even in such times one is to lose below the particular and display anger and annoyance, when would one one's forbearance and display anger and annoyance, when would one expect to have peace and tranquillity.

In contradiction to this story there is another well known anecdore and tranquillity and provided the peace and tranquillity.

about Sa'id Khan. Khwaja Hilal, an eunuch, was originally a servant of Qasim Khan Namakin, and afterwards was in the service of Emperor Jahangir. In the beginning of the reign he was Mir Tuzuk, and ruled very strictly. In the town of Rankatta, six kos from Agra, which was his jagir, he built a small fort, a pucca inn and renamed it Hilālābād. In Agra towards the Madar Gate he built a lofty mansion, and invited most of the leading officials to a housewarming feast. Sa'id Khan, who was also there, approved the building, and praised it greatly. Khwaja Hilal out of politeness said, "Take it as a pēshkash (present)". Sa'īd Khān stood up and made three salutations; and sent for his men and his furniture. Hilal-who had been exalted by the Emperor's companionship—objected. Sa'īd Khān's servants used force. The Emperor on hearing of the incident remarked to Sa'īd Khān, "This behaviour was not worthy of your position". Sa'īd Khān replied, "Long live your Majesty. Should a grey-beard like me make three salutations to a slave in the presence of a number of great officers, and shall these go for nothing. It concerns my honour. If your Majesty orders I may be killed". At last by this infidel-like ruse he succeeded in taking possession of the house.

It is stated that in the establishment of Sa'īd Khān there were two good and confidential eunuchs. One was Ikhtiyār Khān, who was his court-agent, and who built bridges and inns in Patna and Bīhār. The other was I'tibār Khān who was the Faujdār of his jāgīr. He was very courageous. For twelve days in month of Rabī' I, he used to celebrate the birthday of the Prophet, on whom be Peace! Every day nearly a thousand men were invited. In front of each man were set nine shīrmāl loaves, nine dishes and half of a white pargāla' (cloth) for wrapping them up. A bundle of five seers of sweets (shīrnī) done up in a white cloth and with a velvet outer cover was also laid before each person. On these days the house was brilliantly adorned, and much 'attar (otto of roses) and incense was used. Sweet voiced Hāfizes read (the Qur'ān) day and night. To obtain a blessing he would spread under their feet a mat of the stuff that he was to use later on. It is extraordinary to relate that he carried on like this all his life.

### SAIF KHĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 479-485).

Saif-ud-Dîn Mahmud alias Faqir Ullah was the son of Tarbiyat Khān¹ Bakhshi of Emperor Shāh Jahān's time. In view of his constant presence at the Court he was a favourite. In the 30th year he was appointed Superintendent of the Qur Khana (Arsenal), and had the rank of 700 with 100 horse. When Mahārāja Jaswant<sup>2</sup> with great pomp and show was appointed to Malwa, Saif Khān had his rank increased, and was attached to his contingent. Raja Jaswant out of bravery and pride attempted to stop the path of Aurangzib's army, and engaged in a fight. At last, however, when a number of famous officers had been killed, he selected for himself the path of flight, and many others also took to flight3. Some fortunate ones, on the other hand, separated themselves from the opposing force, and paid their respects to Aurangzib; among them was Saif Khan. He was treated with favour, given the rank of 1,500 with 700 horse, and granted the title of Saif Khan4. As in the battle with Dārā Shikōh he behaved like a brave soldier, he was treated with favour and appointed Superintendent of the Body-Guard and Master of the Horse (Akhta-bēgī). In the battle with Shujā', as Rāja Jaswant Singh, who had command of the right wing, turned aside and behaved treacherously, Islam Khan Badakhshi-who was in the van-was appointed in his place, and Saif Khan and Ikram Khan were posted in the vanguard<sup>5</sup>. By chance while the struggle was at its height, Islam Khan's elephant turned tail as a result of the blows of rockets, and disorganised the forces. Many men forced from their places could not regain them. Saif Khān, Ikrām Khān and a few others kept their ground, and made brave endeavours. After the victory, as he did not receive favours proportionate to his expectations, or for

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 486-490.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sāliḥ, III, p. 285.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 287.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 256.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 78.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 262.

some other reason he wished to go into retirement, and wanted to resign his rank and service. After sometime, however, he received the rank of 2,500 with 1,500 horse<sup>1</sup>.

When in the 2nd year Dārā Shikoh and his son Sipihr Shikoh were brought to the Capital, Saif Khan was commissioned to put Dara Shikoh to death, and this was effected on 21st Dhul Hijja, 1069 (30th August, 1659 A.D.). Next day he, according to orders, conveyed Sipihr Shikoh to the fort of Gwalior, and after handing him over to the officers in-charge of that strong fort, returned to the capital. He was appointed Governor of the capital in place of Mukhlis Khān<sup>3</sup> who had been appointed to Bengāl. As Saif Khān was of a hot disposition and arrogant of his record of good service and knowledge of warfare, he did not pay due regard to the chief officers, and did not hesitate even to oppose the Emperor. He was for some fault dismissed, and retited to Sirhind. In the 5th year he was again received in favour and confirmed in his rank. When the Emperor visited Kashmir, in the 6th year, Saif Khan was appointed Governor4 of that, province in succession to Islam Khan, In his zeal and love of service he did not spend his period of government in idleness and vanity, but on his collecting necessary forces he courageously and bravely and after fighting for twenty days conquered Iskardu—which was so difficult of access in several places that one could proceed. without the aid of ladders... After that he added to the royal territories. Gilgit and Barshal. Afterwards he spread the religion of Islam and the light of Muslim doctrines in the country of Great Tibet, which to sword the suite of the suite of the stherism, and the rulers, and many the suite of the suite steet and the distribution the forces. Many men forced from their distribution of the distribution of the state of the distribution of the state of the others. At the control of the others of the others.

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<sup>3</sup> Alamgirnāma, p. 433.
5 Op. cit., p. 832.
5 Op. cit., pp. 923, 924. The name of the Zamindār is given as Dalan Namjal in Alamgirnāma and as Daldal Mahmal in Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 52.

year the Emperor issued a farman in the name of Dalai' (Lama) Bemabal, the Zamindar of the country, about introducing the rites of Divine Worship. This was sent through Muhammad Shafi Mansabdar and some of Saif Khan's servants. The Zamindar submitted, and had the Khutba recited in the Emperor's name, and coined much gold and silver in the name of Emperor 'Alamgir. directed the building of mosques, and sent a gold key as an indication of delivering over the country.

As the right thinking attitude of the Khan had been established, the Emperor increased his rank and the number of troopers. In the 9th year he came to the Presence, and was appointed Governor of Multan. In the 10th year on removal from that office he returned to the Court. In the 12th year he was again appointed to the government of Kashmir. In the 14th year he was, as a result of inconsideration—which was a part of his nature—dismissed from his rank and went into retirement. In the 15th year he was restored to his rank and reinstated in service. His good fortune was such that his service always turned out well. If he did things contrary to the will of the Emperor who was of a jealous nature himself, but did not like jealousy in others, and who dismissed old and new officers for slight acts of independence of presumption he was removed from office, but lafter being ladmonished he was not left in that condition. It is not unlikely that if the Khan were not of a bohemian (Windana) temperament, he would have reached the highest rank of Amirship.

After sometime he was again favoured, and then again fetited. In the 21st year he was sent as Governor of Bihar. Later he was appointed Governor of Allahabad. There he died in 1095 A.H.

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Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 83.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 112.

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(1684 A.D.) in the beginning<sup>1</sup> of the 28th year. He was of a libertine disposition and had strange ways, but he had ability, and a tincture of poetry and eloquence. Nāṣir 'Alī², with all his love of freedom and exclusiveness, was long his devoted companion, as he writes:—

#### Verse

'Alī extracts from the mirror this parrot speech: "But for Saif Khān my life were vain."

He was very skilful in music and melody, and composed a treatise called Rag Darpan3, which was mainly a translation of Manik Sohal? which former masters (nāyaks) had composed, and which he completed with later additions in regard to division and rules for practice etc. Saif Khān made his home at a place called Saifābād near Sirhind, and was buried there. His son, in the end of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign received his father's title, and was appointed Faujdar of Tal Kokan (Lower Konkan), commander of the fort of A'zamnagar, Malgaon, and the Thanadar of Satgaon. When the appointments in question together with the government of Bījāpūr was assigned to Chin Qulīj Khān, he (Saif Khān's son) was appointed his deputy. In the beginning of the 49th year he received the same appointment in succession to Chin Qulij Khan, and with an increase of 500 his rank became 1,000 with 300 horse. After Aurangzib's death he became a teacher of Prince Muhammad Kam Bakhsh in the art of archery. He became his companion and was given drums and a flag. When that insane Prince, in his folly and at the instigation of the interested slanderers,

A. H. (6th September, 1684 A.D.).

<sup>2</sup> For his account see Rieu, Cat. II, 699b. The verse refers to the practice of teaching a parrot by setting it in front of a mirror.

<sup>3</sup> See Garcin de Tassy, Litt. Hindouie, III, p. 417. The original Rāg Darpan was composed by the order of Rāja Mān Singh Tōnwar of Gwālior, see about him Jarrett's translation of A'in, III, p. 251.

became suspicious of some of his faithful officers, and specially of Ahsan Khān Mīr Malang—who was his general and chief officer—and destroyed them, he imprisoned Saif Khān on a charge of disloyalty, on the evidence of a letter which at the time of coming to Ḥaidarābād he had written in reply to one from Rustam Dil Khān, the Governor of the place to the effect that with regard to what he had asked about the treatment of his companions by the master (Prince Kām Bakhsh), he should endeavour to please Ahsan Khān. Though the poor man urged that the contents of the letter proved his fidelity, it was of no avail. Kām Bakhsh ordered his (right) hand to be cut off in his presence. On this the oppressed one broke out and said—"It is a low nature which you have inherited from your mother. This hand which you have cut off without any fault, taught you archery." The tyrant ordered them to cut out his tongue also. He died of these wounds.

# SAIF <u>KH</u>ĀN<sup>2</sup> KŌKA (Vol. II, pp. 373-375).

He was the eldest brother of Zain Khān Kōka. It is stated that his mother always bore daughters, and his father became so angry that when she was pregnant with Saif Khān, he said that if this time she bore a daughter, he would cease to keep her in his house or to treat her as a wife. That chaste lady went to Miriam Makānī and obtained permission to cause an abortion. Akbar came to know of this, and though he was very young he said to her, "If you have any regard for me, you will not do such a thing, and the Almighty God will bless you with a good son." The old lady regarded this speech of the Prince as a mysterious message, and refrained from committing abortion. Saif Khān was born, and the parents rejoiced, and returned thanks to the Prince<sup>3</sup>. Akbar made him a special favourite. When

r The account of the son Saif Khān appears to be taken from Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 610-613. Kām Bakhsh was the son of Udaipūrī Bēgam, who was formerly Dārā's wife.

<sup>2</sup> Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 375, 376.

<sup>3</sup> See Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 58, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 83.

and its cause its runisiasus, caused he ascended the throne, and though Saif Khan was still young, he was appointed to the rank of 4,000. He was unique for courage, and in bravery and gallantry was far above his compeers. In the 17th year during the seige of Sūrat on a day when there was a continuous barrage of arrows, gun and artillery fire, and active patrols were being carried out, Saif Khan distinguished himself by his bravery and cour-During these attacks he received a gun-shot wound which confined him to his bed for a month; at last he recovered. Some one asked him, "The Emperor is pleased with you, and in regard to the leaders like you, and in fact for many who have not attained anything like your rank the Emperor has frequently said that they should not knowingly expose themselves in dangerous places." He replied, "I took the wrong road in the battle of Sarnal, and could not, therefore, get there. My life, in view of my failure on that day, is a burden to me and I am trying to lighten the weight thereof". In the year 980 A.H. (1572 A.D.) in the 18th year, when Emperor Akbar made a rapid march in nine days from Agra to Ahmadabad, and fought with Muhamad Husain Mīrzā, Saif Khān in the first skirmish vanquished his opponent by his herculean bravery. Having received two prominent wounds on his face he went seeking for the Emperor saying "Ajmeri, Ajmeri," He saw that Muhammad Husain Mirza and some scoundrels with him were behaving presumptuously in the battlefield. The Koka advancing on them bravely attacked them, and was killed. The Emperor was very grieved on the death of such a faithful and old companion. When he returned to the capital, it was found that Sair Khan was heavily in debt. The Emperor out of regard for the dead man paid off these debts. His sons Sher Afgan tion. Said Khan was bore and the nutritis rejerced under the And and Aman Dillah received since beginning to the Prince. Abbar and him a special layounce. When

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behave loyally and soited for an opportunity. Alubamad Salita the He was the son of Amanat Khan. In view of the old relationship Malika Banu, the elder daughter of Asaf Khan Yamin-ud-Daulah was married to him, and he was appointed Diwan of Gujarat. As that province was in the fief of Prince Shah Jahan, the heir-apparent, Raja Bikramajit was acting for him as the Governor. When Emperor Jahangir's mind became alienated from the Prince, and the Prince, forced by the circumstances marched with a well-equipped army towards Agra and Delhi, the Raja, in accordance with the Prince's orders, left his brother Kanhar Das at Ahmadabad, and himself joined the Prince's stirrups. He was killed near Delhi. 'Abdullah Khan in the course of the fight deserted the vanguard of the imperial army, and joined the Prince, and at the time-when the Prince resolved to return to Mandu-he en route begged through Afdal Khan and Shah Quli Khan that the government of Gujarat be assigned to him. This was not approved of, as the Raja had administered the province well, and had sacrificed his life in the Prince's service. It was not, therefore, proper that in return for his good service the province should be taken from his brother who was managing it at the time, particularly as this might mean disorganising the province during this time of confusion. But as 'Abdullah Khan was very insistent, his request about this matter was, with a view to satisfying him, agreed to, 'Abdullah Khan appointed Wafadar, an. eunuch, with a small number of men to manage Ahmadabad. Mīrza Safi remaining firm in his loyalty to the Emperor applied himself to collecting troops. Leaving the city he burried to Mahmudabad Outwardly he gave out that he was proceeding to join the Prince

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but secretly he arranged with Nahir Khan, Saiyid Diler Khan and other royal officers—who were stationed in their respective jāgīrs—to behave loyally, and waited for an opportunity. Muhamad Sālih, the Faujdar of Pitlad correctly understood his design, and fearing that he might lay hands on the Prince's treasure, went off to the Prince with nearly ten lacs of rupees. Kanhar Das took a jewelled pardah which had cost two lacs of rupees, and went with him. But on account of its weight he could not take away the throne which had been prepared at a cost of ten lacs of rupees. Mīrzā Safī finding the coast clear, sent word to his confederates and rapidly entered the fort of Ahmadābād. The eunuch was taken completely by surprise, and took refuge in the house of Shaikh Haidar, a grandson of Shah Wajih-ud-Din. On the information of the master of the house he was brought out with his hands and neck bound. Mīrzā Safī having put the city into order set about collecting his troops. He broke up the jewelled throne, which had taken years to construct, and dividing the gold among his men himself appropriated the jewels. When this news reached Mandu, 'Abdullah Khan took leave of the Prince, and started with all speed. In his presumption he did not worry about Mīrzā Saft, and did neither arrange for reinforcements and equipment nor did he take the necessary precautions. Mīrzā Ṣafī with Nāhir Khān, Diler Khan and other auxiliaries of the province advanced beyond the village of Batuh, and arranged for the battle. As the place where 'Abdullah Khan was stationed, was full of thorn-bushes, and had only narrow passages, so when his elephants—which were in front of the army-turned round at the noise of the rackets, all his army was thrown into confusion, and as a result of this misfortune 'Abdullah Khān was forced to fly. Mīrzā Ṣafī—who had never dreamt of such a day—was promoted by the Emperor, as a reward for this great service, from the rank of 700 with 300 horse to that of 3,000 with 2,000 horse, given the title of Saif Khan, granted a flag and drums, and exalted by appointment as Governor of Gujarāt<sup>1</sup>. On the place where he had

The above account of Safi Khān and of the defeat of 'Abdullāh Khān,

gained the victory, he built a garden, and named it Jannat Bari. They say that when Khān Jahān Lodi came as his successor to Ahmadābād, Saif Khān invited him to a banquet, and displayed great splendour in regard to food and carpets. From the trays to the drinking cups every article was of gold or silver. Khan Jahan said that except for Aşaf Jah no one else was so lucky in regard to his office. Jahan was deputed with Prince Parwiz in place of Mahabat Khan, Saif Khān was reappointed Governor of Gujarāt. At this time the death of Emperor Jahangir occurred. Saif Khan in view of his earlier conduct was greatly worried, and indulged in vain thoughts. Meanwhile Shah Jahan wrote from Junair to Nahir Khan-who had the title of Sher Khān-to take possession of Ahmadābād and place Saif Khān under restraint. As Malikā Bānū his wife was the real elder sister of Mumtaz Mahal, to please the latter Khidmat Parast Khan was ordered to hasten to Ahmadabad, and not to permit any injury to Saif Khān's life. He was to bring him carefully to the Presence. When Shāh Jahān crossed the Narbadā, he proceeded towards Aḥmadābād, and Khidmat Parast Khān produced Saif Khān who was very At the intercession of the Begam he was forgiven and relieved of his fears1. After the accession, he, at the request of the Begam, received the rank of 4,000 foot2 and horse, was appointed Governor of Bihar in succession to Khan 'Alam. He built grand houses in Patna. In the 5th year he was transferred as Governor of Allāhābād³, and in the 8th year was nominated as Governor4 of Gujarāt. Later he was moved from there and appointed to the charge of Agra. When in the 12th year Islam Khan the Governor of Bengal was summoned to the Court for appointment as the Premier, and Bengal was made over to the agents of Prince Shuja', an order was issued

is taken from Tuzuk-i-Jahāngīrī, II, pp. 262-267. The value of the throne is given there is 5 lacs and not ro lacs of rupees.

<sup>1</sup> Based on Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 76-78.

<sup>2</sup> Op. ctt., pp. 177, 228.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 102.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 426,

to Saif Khan to proceed rapidly to that province and to take charge of it till the arrival of the Prince who was in Kabul. After the arrival of the Prince-who was still young, he was to assist in the management of that extensive territory'. In the end of the 13th year, 1049 A.H. (1639-40 A.D.) he died in Bengal. Emperor Shah Jahan went to the house of his widow, Malika Banu-who, in accordance with orders, was in attendance on the Emperor-and comforted her. To her three sons, Muhammad Yahiya, Muhamad Shafi and Abul Qasim he presented mourning robes2. In the 14th year Malika Banu also died. Emperor Shah Jahan went to the house of Yaminud-Daulah to perform her obsequies. Saif Khan's brother was Sultan Nazr. He knew by heart the Divans of Kliagani and Anwari, and the Mathnawi and Hadiga. At first he was the Bakhshi and Recorder of Agra. Later, while in Gujarat, he quarrelled with his brother, and joined Khan Jahan Lodi who had been appointed Governor. He became intimate with him, and received an excellent fief in the Deccan. During Emperor Shah Jahan's reign he had the rank of The At the improvision of the Sale as because they were alreved

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<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 198.
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It is stated there that he was granted the rank of 3,000, 1 in the bank of 3,000.

him: A battle took place near Lāhōre. Saif Khān was in the vand guard of the said Shaikh's forces, and acquitted himself bravely during the fight. He received seventeen wounds. Accordingly he was rewarded by appointment to the rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse, and in the 4th year his rank was advanced to 2,500 with 1,350 horse, and his hearr's desire was gratified by appointment as the Faujdār of Hisār? Saidne the 5th year he was granted a flag. In the 8th year he was deputed with Sultān Khurram in the campaign against Rānā Amar Singh. In the 10th year he was exalted by the grant of drums, and was attached to Prince Parvīz, and went off to the Deccan. In the 11th year corresponding to 1025 A.H. (1616 A.D.) he died of cholera.

## SAIF ULLAH KHAN MIR BAHR

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During the reign of Emperor Aurangzib he was Mir Bahr (Admiral) and Superintendent of the Fleet (Nawarah), and served in these posts for a long time. After the Emperor's arrival in the Deccan he was exalted by the grant of the title of Khan. In the 28th year he was removed from his offices, but was later appointed Mir Tuzuk. It appears that he died in the 29th year. When Shah Alam Bahadur was sent from Ajmer in pursuit of Muhammad Akbar, he was deputed to convey some orders to the Prince. On his return, it became known that the Prince had not granted him anything as a reward, and the Emperor therefore, gave him a sum of Rs. 5,000, and an order was issued that the said amount should be deducted from the

- 1 Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., p. 64.
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  - 3 Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., p. 172.
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Prince's allowances1—in a way this was to be a lesson for the Prince, for it was the rule of sovereignty to show favour to the bearer of a message, more so, as indicating respect for the message, especially when it was from a lofty quarter. His eldest son Mīr Asad Ullāh was a talkative person, and not without a touch of insanity, but he was possessed of a great deal of subterfuge and cunning. On account of some fault he incurred the displeasure of Emperor Aurangzīb, and was sent off to holy Mecca. When he returned after performing the pilgrimage, he was appointed to the rank of 500. He distinguished himself by his diligence and skill in the siege of Khelna. He was, therefore, received into favour, granted the title of his father2, and an increase in rank, and appointed Mir Bahr. Later he was promoted to the office of Mir Tuzuk. On the day when Wagingera was taken, he was wounded in the arm by a bullet, and received one hundred ashrafis as the "cost of a plaster"3. In the reign of Emperor Bahadur Shāh his madness led him into a dispute with Dhulfiqar Khan, the Amīr-ul-Umarā. Inasmuch as when a straw contends with a lofty mountain, in rising up into the air it is buffeted by the wind, and if a drop of water brushes the bank of a broad river, it is carried down to annihilation; in that encounter he was thrown head over heals, and, being thoroughly discredited and disgraced, took to flight. As a result of his headstrong nature, he assumed for himself the office of the vakīl of Prince Kām Bakhsh, who was making a bid for sovereignty and beating the drum of opposition in the Deccan. He joined Rajas Jai Singh and Ajīt Singh, who had fled from the Presence and were stirring up strife. He made with them a pact that if the Prince should come by the route of Gondwana towards their area, they would produce at the Narbada 15,000 Rajpūt horsemen, so that before

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-i-fālamgīrī, p. 207, apparently at this date in the 24th year, he held the office of Mīr Bahr.

<sup>2 1</sup>d., p. 456. Also see Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 501, 502, where there is a detailed record of his being sent for pilgrimage, and his return and appointment.

<sup>3</sup> Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 505, also Khafi Khan, II, p. 538.

Emperor Bahadur Shah's teturn from the Deccan they would all accompany the Prince to the Capital, and place him on the throne, and having collected 50,000 horsemen oppose Bahadur Shah. He took from them a sealed compact in this connection, and with a view to having his devotion and loyalty-which had resulted in the performance of such signal service—recognized, hastened towards Haidarābad via Deogarh and Chanda. In fact, he made the wheel take a large revolution, which resulted in great commotion. But as his gurdian star was declining, his scheme did not prosper. As soon as the Prince heard of his arrival, he felt convinced that he was a fraud, and a trickster, and was sure that he was in league with Bahadur Shah. Saif Ullah remonstrated that the tree of good service in his cause had produced nought but the fruit of condign punishment, and that efforts to help the Prince's cause had proved like beating a cold iron. As Saif Ullah's urgency and vehemence exceeded all bounds, a daily supply of food was allotted to him, but he was never summoned to the Presence1.

I praise the gentleness of the merciful Emperor (Bahādur Shāh) whom hardly any of the earlier sovereigns equalled in forgiveness and tolerance. When Saif Ullāh after the battle with Kām Bakhsh was introduced through the intermediation of Khān Khānān, his offences were forgiven, he was confirmed in his former rank, and was granted an annual allowance of Rs. 5,000<sup>2</sup>. For the sake of position he again entered service, and in the reign of Emperor Farrukh Siyar he accompanied the Amīr-ul-Umarā to the Deccan, and was appointed Mīr Bahr for that area. Though he kept company with the leader, he lived wretchedly. Afterwards, at the recommendation of that generous patron, he was appointed Superintendent of Branding and Musters. In the time of the reigning sovereign (Muḥammad Shāh) he served in that office for some time. He died at the appointed time. His brother Liyāqat Khān Mīrzā was an elegant man with very pleasant

<sup>1</sup> He is apparently not the Saif Khan who was tortured by Kam Bakhsh, see Irvine Later Mughals, I, pp. 54, 55.

<sup>2</sup> Khāfi Khān, II, p. 629.

in the matter of religion, for like his ancestors he was an Imamiya while Saif Ullah Khan was a bigoted Sunai.

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He was the son of Rānā Udai Singh son of Rānā Sāngā. When his brother Pratāp opposed Akbar, he joined service under the Emperor, and was appointed to the rank of 200. In the 1st year of Emperor Jahāngīr's reign he received a present of Rs. 12,000², and was appointed to accompany Sultān Parvīz in the campaign against the Rānā. In the end of the same year he was sent with a force to chastise Dalpat Bhurtia, and was victorious. In the 2nd year he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 2,500 foot with 1,000 horse³. In the 11th year his rank was advanced to 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse.

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(Vol. II, pp. 742-746).

His name was Khwāja Mīr Khwāfī. He was born in India, but his ancestors migrated to India from Khwāf. As most men of Khawāf are distinguished for their good and straightforward nature, the said Khān was in his dealings correct and honest, and was always active and resourceful in the service of his master. Through his good fortune he was approved by Emperor Aurangzīb, and he gained a place of regard and trust near him. For his zeal and knowledge of affairs he was appointed the Superintendent of Elephant-

I See Blochmann's translation of A'in I (2nd edn.), p. 585 for an account of his career. He is apparently Sagarji and Sukta of Tod, Annals of Rajasthan (1914 edn.), I, pp. 264, 270. His name is given as Rana Shankar in Memoirs of Jahangir, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, pi 17 etc.

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stables<sup>1</sup> in place of Bahramand Khān in the 22nd year, and on account of his imposing stature, for he was tall and powerful, was granted the title of Ṣalābat Khān. In the 23rd year he was exalted by his appointment<sup>2</sup> as the Superintendent of Artillery in place of Rūḥ Ullāh Khān. Later for some fault he was dismissed<sup>3</sup> from service, but in the 25th year he was restored to his original rank<sup>4</sup> and appointed Chief of the Artillery (Mīr Ātish). Afterwards he was posted to Oudh. When he came from there to pay his respects, he was appointed Superintendent of the Grooms. In the 28th year he was sent as the Superintendent of the Sūrat<sup>5</sup> port in place of Kārṭalab Khān Muḥammad Bēg. In the 33rd year he returned to the Presence at his request, and was appointed<sup>6</sup> first Mīr Tūzak. After that he was Superintendent of Khās Chaukī (Special Guards), and he was promoted to the rank of 2,500 foot with 1,200 horse.

They say' that one day in Gaurigāon Sohrāb Khān the second Mīr Tūzuk struck for purposes of correction one of the officers of the artillery on the head with a staff three cubits long in the open Dīwān. Some of the respectable men of that body siding with the culprit attacked Sohrāb Khān. Şalābat Khān being the 1st Mīr Tūzuk wanted to punish them. But the affair took another shape, and ended in an attack on the heads of the department. The riot created by them suddenly came to such a pass, that the Emperor left the hall. Influential officers were deputed to quell the disturbance. They protected Ṣalābat Khān and conveyed him to his house. The tumult lasted till the next day. Rūḥ Ullāh Khān I mounted his

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, p. 171. His name is wrongly written painted as Khwāja Mirzā.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 187, 188.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 192.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 216.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 247.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 333.

<sup>7</sup> Taken from Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 393, 394. The name of the place is there given as Gorgãon towards Pūna (Poonch).

horse, and by warnings and bullying put down the mischief-mongers. He brought Ṣalābat Khān from his house to the Darbār. Some of the well-known minkbāshīs¹ and yuzbāshīs² were censured and reprimanded.

The Khan in the 36th year, at the end of 1103 A.H. (1592 A.D.) at Galgala obtained leave of absence on account of protracted illness to return to the capital. After traversing a few stages he died. About this time he often recited this verse:

#### Verse

"We have gone ourselves, and taken a corner of the grave So that our bones might not burden any one's shoulders".

It has been chronicled that the Khan was twice Chief of the Artillery and that in the 28th year, he became Superintendent of the port of Sūrat, while in the 33rd year, he, at his own request, came to the Court. This disagrees with the facts, as during the siege of Golconda in the 29th year, when Saf Shikan Khan, Mir. Atish, on account of a disagreement with Fīrūz Jang resigned his post, he was succeeded by Salabat Khan. After that, as he also could not manage the business, he resigned and Saiyid Izzat Khān was appointed in his place. At last at midnight owing to the neglect and self-indulgence of officers (sardārān-i-kārkun) the enemy attacked the battery (damdama). They made prisoners 'Izzat Khān, Sarbarāh Khān, Jalāl Chēlā and a number of others, and took them inside the fort. Salabat Khan was appointed Mir Atish a second time. Accordingly Ni'mat Khan Haji-who is unique in his own line—in his Waqa-i-Haidarabad, which he has written in a jocular but clever style, has recorded that Salabat Khān was made Mīr Ātish a second time, and that he refused the appointment. He has indulged in pleasantries about these happenings,

<sup>1</sup> Artillery Captains, commanders of a 1,000, see Irvine, Army of Indian Mogbuls, p. 157.

<sup>2</sup> Probably hunting men,

<sup>3</sup> Maathir-i-Alamgiri, p. 349.

but what is evident is that the Khan was twice Superintendent of the port of Surat, but Maāthir-i-Alamgīrī does not record1 it. Salābat Khān had a worthy son, who was a zealous soldier. In his father's lifetime he often distinguished himself, and received the title of Tahawwar Khan. His energy and bravery and that of Jan Nithar Khan Khwaja 'Abdul Makarim were so impressed on the Emperor's mind that he mentioned their names in connection with the command of Khan Jahan Bahadur. Their courage and devotion were extolled by him, when he dwelt on the perfunctoriness (wāsōkhtagī) of the Khan Jahan. When the two were deputed to chastise the Marathas, they in the 37th year encountered the famous Santa near the borders of the Karnātik (Carnatic). After a good fight their camp and artillery were plundered, they were wounded and with difficulty saved their lives. In the 40th year he was appointed Faujdar of Sahāranpūr. On returning to the Court after, removal from there, he was appointed Superintendent of the Armoury (Qur Khāna). In the 49th year, he was honoured by the grant of the title of Fida'i Khān².

# (SAIYID) ŞALĀBAT <u>KH</u>ĀN BĀRAH (Vol., II, pp. 457-460).

His ritle was Ikhtisas Khan and his name Saiyid Sultan. His father was Saiyid Bayazid son of Saiyid Hashim son of the famous Saiyid Maḥmūd Khan Kundlīwals. He was a leading officer of Prince Darā Shikōh, and was greatly in his confidence. In the 24th year he was appointed to the Panjab province as the Prince's deputy, given the rank

In Maāthir-i-'Alomgīrī, p. 332, there is a record of his petitioning to be allowed to return to Court in the 36th year, and of I'timād Khān succeeding him as the Faujdār and Dīwān of Sūrat.

<sup>2</sup> Madthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 493.

<sup>3</sup> See Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 424-427. The genealogical tree on p. 427 should also be consulted. For Saiyid Hashim's account see p. 461 of the same work.

of 2,000 with 400 horse, granted the title of Salabat Khan1 and presented an elephant. In the same year, at the Prince's recommendation, he was transferred to the Allahabad province as its Deputy Governor. For a long time he remained in charge of that province, and put down many malcontents, and bridled most of the savage spirits. In the 25th year he received a flag and in the 27th year by successive increases was advanced to 2,000 with 1,500 horse, and he was also granted drums. In the 30th year he conciliated Anup Singh, Zamindar of Bandhu whose territory adjoined Allahabad, and brought him to the Court. Through his guidance he agreed to join royal service3. When in the end of the 31st year Sulaiman Shikoh, the eldest son of. Dārā Shikōh, marched with a well equipped army against Prince Shujā'-who on hearing of the illness of Emperor Shāh Jahān had started from Bengal at the head of a strong force with the intention of proceeding to Agra. Though his agent wrote to him that the Emperor had recovered, he ascribed this report to the machinations of his elder brother, and considered it to be of no value. Besides the King's officers who had been appointed auxiliaries, Dārā Shikōhwithout a careful consideration of his own needs and positionsent off (with Sulaiman Shikoh) all leading men of his own whom by intensive training for years he had made into men of position4 and influence. He even sent off Saiyid Salabat Khan with a number of the Barah Saiyids, who were the best of his men and in whose bravery and courage he had full confidence. Afterwards when through the changing Fortune the affairs of Dara Shikoh fell into confusion, and after setting up forces and fighting with 'Alamgir's forces he was defeated—which he had never anticipated— Sulaiman Shikoh, who, after defeating Shuja', was hastening back for helping his father, became bewildered on hearing this news, and turned back to Allahabad. There he held a conference with the leading and

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, pp. 115, 121.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 135.

<sup>4</sup> Adapted from 'Amal Salih III, p. 278,

responsible officials of his father. All parties of them considered various plans, but because of the prevailing bewilderment none could give proper advice. At last the Barah Saiyids—who were the best men of the force, and inhabited the Duab-urged that he should proceed towards Chandpur Medina1 (?), and from there go on to Parnih (?) and Sahāranpūr, whence they should move on to the Panjāb and join his father at Lahore. After discussion this plan was approved and they After passing Lucknow, a body of troops was sent against the Karöri of Medina-which formed the fief of the Begam Sāhib-in order to requisition from him whatever revenues he might have collected. He shut himself in his house, and took measures to oppose them. The soldiers under the orders of Sulaiman Shikoh fell upon his goods and family. They made prisoners of him and his son, and extended the arm of oppression against his property and honour, and also against the property of and honour of the other inhabitants of the pargana. Meanwhile Saiyid Salabat Khan-who, through the turn of events and his sagacity and foresight, saw that it would not be to his advantage to accompany Sulaiman Shikoh-deserted him, and went away to join 'Alamgir's forces. Before the latter had crossed the river Beas in pursuit of Dārā Shikōh, he caught up with them, and was received favourably. Within two or three days, as a result of his good fortune, he was exalted by appointment<sup>2</sup> as Governor of Berar in succession to Husamud-Din Khan. Nothing further is known about him.

I It is Nadina in 'Alamgirnāma, whence the whole account of Sulaimān Shikōh's retirement to Allāhābād, his attack on the Karōrī of Nadina and the desertion of Ṣalābat Khān is taken, see pp. 171, 172. Parnih should probably be Būriya in the Ambālla District, see Imperial Gazetteer, III, p. 167. Sahāranpūr, Būriya and Chāndpūr, the villages of Bārah Saiyids are mentioned together in Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, p. 854.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 199, where it is recorded that he received the title of Ikhtiṣāṣ Khān and in addition to being appointed Governor of Berār was presented with a dress of honour and a horse.

### ŞALABAT KHAN RAUSHAN DAMÎR

(Vol. II, pp. 731-733).

He was the second son of Sadiq Khan Mir Bakhshi. In the 5th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign his rank2 was raised to 1,000 with 200 horse, and he was appointed Qurbegi (Head of the Bodyguard) in place of Sardar Khan. When his father died in the 6th year, Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb, in compliance with his father's orders, went and escorted the eldest son Ja'far Khan and his brothers to the Presence. He was favoured by the grant of a dress of honour and an increase in his rank3. In the 8th year he was exalted to the rank of 2,000 foot with 800 horse4 by an increase of 500 foot with Later he received the title of Salabat Khans. In the 11th year he had a further increase of 500 foot with 200 horse so that his rank became 2,500 foot with 1,000 horse<sup>6</sup>. In the 12th year he was removed from the office of Qurbegi, and appointed and Bakhshi in succession to Tarbiyat Khan, and his rank was raised to 3,000 foot with 1,000 horse". In the 17th year he was exalted by his rank being increased to 4,000 foot with 2,000 horse, and the grant of a flag and drums.

In the same year about the end of Jummāda I, 1054 A.H. (July, 1644 A.D.) Rão Amar Singh son of Rãja Gaj Singh killed him with a dagger. A brief account of this incident is as follows: The said Rão had for sometime been absent from the Court owing to illness. On his convalescence he came to the Court, and Ṣalābat Khān introduced him in the private parlour of Sulţān Dārā Shikōh's house where

<sup>1</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umara, Text, II, pp. 729-731, translation antea pp. 656, 657.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I. pt. i, p. 417.

<sup>3</sup> Id., pp. 538, 539.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 87, but the number of his horse should be 600 not 800 as in the Maāthir.

<sup>5</sup> Id., p. 103.

<sup>6</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 104, his rank became 2,500 with 1,000 horse.

<sup>7</sup> Id., p. 135.

the Emperor was then living. He was standing on the left side and Salabat Khan on the right. After the evening prayers while the Emperor was writing a Farman to one of his officers with his own hand, Şalābat Khān came down from the portico for some purpose, and was engaged in hot conversation with some one. Amar Singh drew his dagger, and ran to Salabat Khan, and struck him unawares under the breast. As he was struck in the region of the heart he died immediately1. He was a well-behaved young man, and had been reared by the Emperor, and was destined for higher offices-the Emperor expressed great sorrow because of the valuable and sincere service rendered by him, and of his youth. Muhammad Murad, his son, who was four years old, was raised to the rank of 500 with 100 horse2, and by the 30th year had reached the rank of 1,000 with 100 horse. In the 2nd year of Emperor Aurangzib's reign he was granted the title of Iltifat Khan, and in the 6th year was raised to the rank of 1,500 with 150 horse. In the 9th year he had an increase of 100 horse.

#### SAMĀNJĪ KHĀN3

(Vol. II, pp. 401, 402).

He was Qūrughchī, and was one of Emperor Humāyūn's officers. Under Emperor Akbar he attained the rank of 1,500. In the end of the 5th year of Akbar's reign he was deputed with Ādham Khān Kōka for the conquest of Mālwa, and rendered good service. In the 9th year he went with Muḥammad Qāsim Khān Kishāpūrī in pursuit of 'Abdullāh Khān Ūzbeg. In 13th year he accompanied

<sup>1</sup> Bādsbānāma, II, pp. 380, 381, 2 Id., p. 384.

<sup>3</sup> Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edition), pp. 489, 490. He was originally a servant of Mirzā Hindāl see Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 315, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 587. Both in the text and the translation Qūrughchī has been wrongly separated from his name. Qūrughchī means a sentinel.

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 135, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 208.

<sup>5</sup> Id., Text, II, p. 226, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 347.

Ashraf Khān Mīr Munshī on the expedition to the fort of Ranthambhōr, but from the way he was deputed¹ to chastise Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥusain, and other sons and grandsons of Muḥammad Sultān Mīrzā, who returning again and again from Gujarāt were creating disturbances in the province of Mālwa. Afterwards he was granted a fief in Oudh². In the affair of Branding he originally joined the rebellious officers, but later separated from them, and joined the royal forces. In the 39th year in compliance with the royal summons he came³ to the Presence, and paid his homage. He died a few years later. After his death his sons⁴ having received suitable employment loyally served the Emperor.

#### (MUBĀRIZ-UL-MULK)<sup>5</sup> SARBULAND <u>KH</u>ĀN BAHĀDUR DILĀWAR JANG

(Vol. III, pp. 801-806).

His name was Mīr Muḥammad Rafī', and his homeland Tūn. During the reign of Emperor Aurangzīb he came from Irān to India with his father whose name was Mīr Afḍal and who had the title of Muqtadavī Khān. His father was exalted by his appointment as the

- 1 Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 329, 330, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 484.
- 2 According to Blochmann this should be Arrah in Bihār as on the ourbreak of the Bengal Rebellion he was  $l\bar{a}g\bar{n}rd\bar{a}r$  of Arrah, see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 285, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 419, but he is stated to have been recalled from Oudh in the 39th year, Akbarnāma, Text, III. p. 651, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1000. It seems probable that his jāgīr was transferred from Arrah to Oudh after the Branding affair.
- 3 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 651, and Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1000. He also came to the Court in the 44th year, Text, p. 751, translation, p. 1122.
- 4 They were present at the taking of Asirgarh, Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 778, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1165.
- 5 There is a long account of this officer in Dowson & Elliot's History, VIII, p. 340 where he is styled Mumtaz-ul-Mulk. See also Hadiqat-ul-Aqalim under Tun, lithograph edn. p. 381. According to Irvine Later Mughals, I, p, 200, footnote, he was born in 1085 A.H. (1674 A.D.) and died in 1154 A.H. (1742 A.D.).

Dīwān of Gwāliyār in the neighbourhood of Akbarābād (Agra). After his father's death he went to his maternal uncle Basharat Khan who was the Faujdar of Malkapur in Berar. He distinguished himself in putting down the seditions in the villages of that pargana, and as a reward was appointed to a suitable rank. Later he went to the royal camp, and married Hadiya Begam, the daughter of Rüh Ullah Khan Bakhshī1. As Ayisha Begam, the second daughter of the said Khān, was married to Sultān 'Azīm-ush-Shān, he during the reign of Bahadur Shah, at the request of the said prince, received the title of Sarbuland Khān, and was employed in the prince's establishment. Later the prince sent him to Bengal to carry out settlement operations. As he could not agree with Muhammad Farrukh Siyar son of 'Azīm-ush-Shān-who had been appointed to govern Bengāl on his father's behalf-'Azīm-ush-Shān recalled him to the Court, but while on the way he was appointed Faujdar of Karra in the sūba of Allāhābād2. After Bahādur Shāh's death, and as 'Azīm ush-Shan and his brothers were killed in the battle, and Muhammad Farrukh Siyar had started for fighting with Jahandar Shah, Sarbuland Khān on account of his earlier differences hurried off to join Jahandar Shah with the revenue he had collected in his area. As about this time the governorship of Gujarāt as an adjunct of the Prime Minister's post had been conferred on Asaf-ud-Daulah Asad Khan, Dhulfaqar Khān appointed him the Deputy Governor of that province. When Muhammad Farrukh Siyar was successful, he, at the instance of Saiyid 'Abdullah Khan Qutb-ul-Mulk, was forgiven, and appointed

I For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 309-315, translation antea, pp. 611-615. The marriage of his daughter Ayisha Bēgam is mentioned on p. 313 of the text. See also Maāthir-i-Ālamgīrī, p. 347.

<sup>2</sup> See Irvine loc. cit. He was sent to Bengal as a Nā'ib in the 2nd year of Bahādur Shāh's reign, but as he quarrelled with Diyā Ullāh Khān, the Dīwān, he was recalled, but in the 3rd year "was sent to the charge of Kora" where 'Azīm-ush-Shān had his jāgīr.

<sup>3</sup> Khafi Khan, II, pp. 693, 715. Siyar-ul-Muta'khkhirin, Text, II, p. 391.

<sup>4</sup> Irvine, loc. cit., p. 262.

Governor of Oudh, After a time he was removed from this office and came to the Court. After the transfer of Mīr Jumla, however, he was appointed Governor of 'Azīmābād Patna. On reaching there he set out for the chastisement of Dharmājī¹, a seditious landholder of that province, and after a protracted struggle and great exertion put him to flight. As he was running away, he was wounded and died.

As he followed no system in the management of his soldiers and employed commanders (Tumandar) of high standing, he after coming to the court after his removal, was for long embarrassed by the demands of the soldiers for their pay. As during this period the Emperor was not on good terms with the Premier and the Bakbshi, the latter to improve their own position secretly sent him money to free him from the demands of the soldiers2. Later, in the time of Rafi'-ud-Darajat he was sent as the Governor of Kabul. In the time of Muhammad Shah he was transferred from there, and came to the Court and in 1138 A.H. (1725-26 A.D.) was exalted by his appointment as Governor of Gujarāt in succession to Nizām-ul-Mulk Asaf Jah. He sent a grant of the Deputy Governorship of the province to Shujā'at Khān Gujarātī. Hāmid Khān, the paternal uncle of Asaf Jah, who was his deputy in Ahmadabad, marched out without equipment, and took up his quarters in the village of Dohad. He summoned Kanthā Maratha to his assistance, and marched to Gujarāt.

<sup>1</sup> See Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 768, 769, where he is called Dhir. In Hadiqat-ul-Aqalim, p. 381, he is described as the Rāja of Bhōjpūr.

<sup>2</sup> See Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 801, 802 where it is stated that Saiyid 'Abdullāh Khān and in addition to sending him cash etc. had him appointed Governor of Kābul. For an account of his return to the Capital and the intrigues resulting in his appointment as Governor of Agra, see Irvine loc. cit., pp. 346, 347, 363, 364.

<sup>3</sup> See Irvine. loc. cit., p. 405, where the date of his departure is given as 19th Rabī II, 1131 A.H. (10th March, 1719).

<sup>4</sup> See Irvine Later Mughals, II, p. 152; Cambridge History of India, IV. pp. 350. 351,

There he fought Shujā'at Khān and killed him. Rustam 'Alī Khān, a brother of Shujā'at Khān, who was in Sūrat, marched against him with Pīlājī Gaikwār, and a battle took place on the bank of river Māhī. As Pīlājī was secretly in league with Hāmid Khān, Rustam 'Alī Khān was also killed. On receipt of this news Sarbuland Khān in the year 1138 A.H. (1726 A.D.) took a sum of money from the royal treasury as an advance of pay, and set off to his province. Hāmid Khān's Bakhshī came forth to oppose him, but was killed, and the said Khan entered Ahmadabad. But as a result of lack of foresight and his lavish extravagance he spent not only the money he had received as advance, but the revenues of the imperial estates and of the jagirdars in the province, and even became indebted to his own servants. Consequently he lost control over them, and they started practising oppression. They seized anyone whom they thought to be man of means, and shutting him up in his own house extorted money from him. He himself was also not wanting in oppression. Finally in consideration of the great predominance of the Marathas he agreed to paying them chauth in that province. Accordingly in the 11th year of the reign Abhai Singh alias Dhökar Singh son of Ajīt Singh was appointed Governor of the province in his place<sup>1</sup>. Sarbuland Khān returned to Dēlhī, and for a long time lived in his house. On account of the persecutions of his creditors he had fortified the main gate of his house. It is stated that whenever the Emperor sent for him, a government palanquin and some sazāwals were also sent so that he may not be molested by his creditors en route. After Nādir Shāh's arrival when an assessment was levied on the inhabitants of the Capital, he was appointed to make the collections after the death of Burhan-ul-Mulk Sa'adat Khan, who was really responsible for his levy. Complaints were rife in the streets

I See Irvine loc. cit., pp. 169-183, 185-214 where a detailed account of his administration in Gujarāt and his battle with Abhai Singh and finally surrendering Gujarāt to him and returning to Agra and later to Dēlhī is given. The Maāthir account is comparatively brief and most of the incidents in Gujarāt are omitted.

and lanes<sup>1</sup>. As he was audacious and reckless in regard to expenditure, he was never successful. He died in 1158<sup>2</sup> A.H. (1745 A.D.). His son <u>Khānazād Khān</u> Bahādur, though he attained the rank of 6,000, lived the life of a relatively poor man in Shāhjahānābād (Dēlhī), and died in the beginning of Aḥmad Shāh's reign. His second son Mīr Gujarātī achieved nothing of an outstanding nature. Mahndī <u>Khān</u>, the son of <u>Khānazād Khān</u> bides his time through the help of this and that one.

# SARBULAND <u>KH</u>ĀN <u>KH</u>WĀJA RAḤMAT ULLAH (Vol. II, pp. 477-479).

He was the sister's son of Najābat Khān³ Mīrzā Shujā¹. On account of his lineage he received a suitable rank, and was personally known to Emperor Shāh Jahān. In the 25th year he was appointed to the high office of Mīr Tūzuk. In the 26th year he accompanied Prince Dārā Shikōh to the Qandahār campaign. In the 27th year he was promoted to the rank of 1,000 with 250 horse. In the 29th year he had an increase of 150 horse, and in the 30th year his rank was advanced to 1,000 with 500 horse, and he was granted the title of Sarbuland⁴ Khān. In the 31st year he was appointed Master of the Horse (Ākhtabēgī) in succession to Asad Khān³, and afterwards was made Superintendent of the Artillery with an increase of 100 horse³. Later when the times assumed another aspect, and the gates of victory were opened for Aurangzīb, Sarbuland Khān after the battle of Samūgarh had the good fortune to enter¹. Emperor Aurangzīb's service.

- 1 See Elliot, op. cit., p. 91, and Irvine loc. cit., p. 373.
- 2 This is apparently incorrect as according to Irvine, loc. cit., p. 215. he died on 13th Dhūl Qa'da 1154 A.H. (19th January, 1742 A.D.).
  - 3 Maāthir-ul-Umara, Text, III, pp. 821-828, translation antea pp. 364-371.
- 4 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 240 where the grant of the title of Sarbuland Khān to Raḥmat Ullāh Mīr Tūzuk is recorded.
  - 5 Op. cit., p. 244,

6 Op. cit., p. 271.

7 'Alamgirnāma, p. 113.

After the first coronation he was appointed Faujdar of Mandasūr. In the 6th year his rank1 became 2,500 with 1,500 horse. In the 9th year he accompanied Sultan Muhammad Mu'azzam to the Kābul area in view of the report that the ruler of Iran was advancing towards that side. In the 10th year he accompanied the same Prince2, who was deputed to administer the provinces of the Deccan. In the 12th year he returned to the Court. As the report of the said Prince having done certain things contrary to the Emperor's wishes was received, his revered mother Nawab Bai was sent to reprimand him, and in the 13th year Sarbuland Khan was deputed to escort3 the revered lady. On his return Sarbuland Khān was appointed Qūshbēgī in succession to Faid Ullah Khan. In the 15th year he was made Governor<sup>5</sup> of Akbarābād (Āgra) in succession to Nāmdār Khān, and later he was in addition appointed 2nd Bakhshi6 in place of Himmat Khān, and also had charge of the office of the Wālāshāhīs (Household troops). In the 17th year when Shuja'at Khan Ra'dandaz Khan was killed in royal service in the affair of the Yūsufza'īs, he was appointed to Peshāwār8 with a suitable force. In the 18th year his rank9 was advanced to 4,000 with 2,500 horse. In the 19th year when Shamsher Khan Mir Ya'qub son of Shaikh Mir Khwasi was killed in battle with the Afghans, Sarbuland Khan was sent with a suitable force and equipment to chastise10 them. On account of some fault he became an object of censure, and was removed from office. After a time, however, he was restored11. In the 21st year when Ai Begam his mother—who was a daughter of Mirza Shahrukh—died, Nāmdār Khān brought Sarbuland Khān to the Court, and by the grant of a robe of honour his mourning was brought to an12 end. In the 22nd year he was sent to take13 Jodhpur from the Rathors who

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1 'Alamgirnāma, p. 817.
2 Maāthir-i-'Ālamgirī, p. 60.
3 Op. cit., pp. 102, 103.
4 Op. cit., p. 106.
5 Op. cit., p. 118.
6 Op. cit., p. 120.
7 Op. cit., p. 127.
8 Op. cit., p. 133.
9 Op. cit., p. 139.
10 Op. cit., p. 145,
11 Op. cit., p. 150.
12 Op. cit., p. 163.
13 Op. cit., p. 179.
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had rebelled. In the 23rd year<sup>1</sup> corresponding to 1090 A.H. (1679-80 A.D.) he died after a long illness.

## SARDAR <u>KH</u>AN (Vol. II, pp. 491-494).

His name was Sardar Beg, and he was the son of Baqi Khan Qalmāq<sup>2</sup> Chēla of whom a separate account has been included. dar Beg was, through good fortune, a favourite in Emperor Aurangzīb's reign, and received a suitable rank and the title of Ihtimām Khān. When the Emperor went to Hasan Abdal, he was Superintendent's of Buildings at the Capital, and later was appointed Kotwal (Provost-Marshal) of the royal camp. He long served in this capacity in Upper India and in the Deccan; and as the Emperor was constantly on the move, he performing his duties satisfactorily gained the Emperor's confidence. When Aurangabad was honoured by the arrival of the Emperor, he was, for a time, employed in building the city wall of that town. In the 28th year he was appointed Superintendent of the Fleet in succession to Saif Ullah Khan. As the Emperor had become assured of his capability and loyalty, the duties in connection with the Superintendence of certain works at Junair were also added to his charge. In the 29th year he was appointed Nazir (Supervisor) of the harem in succession to Khidmat Khan. The Kroriship of the market was also a part of his duties. When during the siege of Golconda the river Manjara and the other rivers were, as a result of excessive rains, flooded, the arrival of provisions was stopped. As a result there was a famine, and both the city of Haidarabad and the camp were full of

<sup>1</sup> Maāthīr-i-'Alamgīri, p. 187. He died on the 4th Dhūl Ḥijjah 1090 A.H. (6th January, 1680 A.D.).

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 427-429, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 380, 381.

<sup>3</sup> Maātbir-i-Alamgiri, p. 132 where his name is given as Ihtimam Khan.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 250.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 274.

dead bodies. From morning to evening every day sweepers went on removing the dead bodies from around the royal quarters, and throwing them on the river bank, and similar accumulations were taking place during the night time. At this juncture the office of Karōrī was taken from Ihtimām Khān and given to Saiyid Sharīf Khān of Qannaūj¹. For a long time the Emperor had suspicions of the loyalty of Prince Muḥammad Mu'zzam also known as Shāh 'Ālam, and at this time Khān Fīrūz Jang got possession in the entrenchments of Gōlconda of letters written by him to Abūl Ḥasan of Ḥaidarābād, and placed them before the Emperor. And as the suspicions were confirmed, the Prince and his two elder sons, who were with him, were put into prison. Ihtimām Khān's rank was raised by an increase of 500 to 1,500, he was granted the title of Sardār Khān, and put in charge of the Prince².

They say that after some days Sardār Khān was ordered to convey a message to the Prince bidding him to confess his fault and beg for pardon, so that the Emperor might excuse his transgression. The Prince replied that he had committed many sins against his God and his father, but that he had never done what he was now charged with. Censure followed censure, and for six months he was not allowed to have his hair cut or his nails trimmed. Nāzir Khidmat Khān Nāib of Emperor Shāh Jahān relying on his earlier services boldly represented the case, and did not mince matters. He was permitted to take up measures for his redress. After a long time when Aurangzīb's wrath gradually subsided, and the unhappy mind was moved by paternal affection, he several times made over to Sardār Khān the traditional prayers for conveyance to the Prince in order that he might make use of them, and that thus "our loving heart be turned towards his release,

<sup>1</sup> The account of the floods and the resulting famine is taken from Maātbir-i-'Ālamgīrī, pp. 291, 292, where also the appointment of Saiyid Sharif Khān as Krōrī is recorded.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, pp. 293-295.

<sup>3</sup> Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 333, 334.

and the Prince might be freed of the pain of separation." One day Sardār Khān represented that the Prince's release was in His Majesty's power. The Emperor answered: "True, but the Master of kings has made us a ruler. Wherever oppression is practised by an oppressor on an oppressed one, I hope that the complaint by the oppressed would be made to us, and that we shall do justice. Oppression has, on account of certain worldly accidents, been inflicted by our hand upon this person, but the time has not yet come when I could release him. He has no refuge but the throne of the Almighty. So it is right to hope that he will not despair of us, and not complain to God. If he does, how can we escape<sup>1</sup>."

In the 31st year Sardār Khān was appointed Superintendent of the Elephant-stables in succession to Mu'tamad Khān. When in the 33rd year the Emperor went from the village of Badrī to Quṭbābād Galgala, Sardār Khān was appointed Faujdār² for a circuit of 12 kos round the camp. In the 35th year 1103 A.H. (1692 A.D.) he died³. He was, both outwardly and inwardly a loyal servant of his master and of the public. He was not devoid of religious feelings, and friendship for the poor. His son Ḥamīd-ud-Dīn Khān⁴ surpassed his father and grandfather in reputation, as is apparent from the narrative of his life. He also had other children.

#### SARDAR <u>KH</u>AN <u>KH</u>WAJA YADGAR

(Vol. II, pp. 411, 412).

He was a brother of 'Abdullah Khan Firuz Janga. In the time of Emperor Jahangir he received a suitable rank, and in the 5th year

- 1 Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, pp. 341, 342. For a good account of Shāh 'Ālam's imprisonment see also Sir Jadunath Sarkar History of Aurangzib, IV, pp. 364, 365.
  - 2 Op. cit., p. 335. 3 Op. cit., pp. 344. 345.
- 4 Maātbir-nl-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 605-611, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 611-614
- 5 For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 777-789. Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 97-105.

was granted a flag. In the 8th year he was appointed Faujdar of Junagarh in the province of Gujarat, and received an increase of 500 with 300 horse in his rank. When the appointment in question was given to Kāmil Khān Mīrzā Khurram son of Khān A'zam Kōka, the Emperor out of regard allowed the increase granted to Sardar Khan to be maintained. In the same year he was in attendance on Sultan Khurram in the campaign against Rana Amar Singh. In the 10th year he received a drum at the recommendation of Abdullah Khan. When in that year 'Abdullah Khan was summoned from Ahmadabad on account of his severity to 'Abid Khan Bakhshi of Gujarat-who had preferred a complaint—an order was issued that he should leave Sardar Khān as his deputy in Gujarāt<sup>2</sup>. In the 14th year he was deputed to accompany Sultan Khurram on the Deccan campaign. In the 15th year on his return from there, he accompanied his brother to Kalpi which had been granted to him as his fief. He died at his appointed time.

### SARDAR KHAN SHAHJAHANI

(Vol. II, pp. 437, 438).

He was in the service of Shāh Jahān while he was a prince. When there was a disagreement between the Emperor and the Prince (Jahāngīr and Shāh Jahān), Sardār Khān out of loyalty and sincerity stuck to the service of the Prince, and did not leave him at all. When the Prince returned from Bengāl and reached Burhānpūr, he summoned to his presence Rāja Gōpāl Singh³ Gaur—who had during his absence rendered good service in safeguarding the famous fort of Asīr—and

r The grant of the title of Sardār Khān to him on his arrival from Gujarāt is recorded in the account of the 8th year, see Rogers & Beveridge's translation of *Memoirs of Jahangir*, I, p. 237. The increases in his rank etc. are recorded on p. 239.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 331.

<sup>3</sup> This is apparently incorrect, as his name in Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 117, 124 is given Gōpāl Dās Gaur.

sent Sardar Khan there to look after it. After the accession to the throne, Sardar Khan was raised to the rank of 3,000 with 2,0001 horse, and granted a flag and drums, and a gift of Rs. 30,000. When the uprooting of Jujhar Singh Bundila and the conquest of his territory took place, and in the beginning of the 9th year on return from the Deccan the Emperor encamped near Orcha, the capital of the state, Sardar Khan was appointed to the charge of the fort of Dhāmūnī, which had been built by Jujhār Singh's father. That pargana was granted to him in fief, and the administration of the area was placed in his charge2. In the 14th year he was appointed to the charge of the two Bangashes3. In the 17th year he was promoted as the Governor of Malwa, and his rank was increased to 4,000 with 3,000 horse4. Later he was made Tiyūldār (fief-holder) of Chūrāgaih<sup>5</sup>, but as he could not manage it properly, he was soon removed from this office. In the 26th year he was appointed Governor of Tatta (Sindh), but he died en route in 1063 A.H.6 (1653 A.D.).

### SARFRAZ KHAN CHAGHTA'

(Vol. II, pp. 421-423).

He was the grandson of Musāḥib Bēg<sup>7</sup> of Humāyūn's reign whose account has already been recorded. Emperor Akbar used to call him by his grandfather's name. In the beginning of his reign Emperor Jahāngīr favoured him because of his ancestry, and appointing him to a suitable rank granted him the title of Sarfrāz Khān, and made him Faujdār of Pattan in Gujarāt. In the 12th year his rank was 2,000 foot with 1,000 horse<sup>8</sup>, and at the end of that Emperor's reign

1 Badshahnama I, pt. ii, p. 117.

2 Op. cit., p. 123.

3 Bādshānāma, II, p. 223.

- 4 Op. cit., p. 378.
- 5 Op. cit., p. 425. He was appointed fief-holder of Dhāmūnī & Chūrāgarh.
- 6 'Amal Sālih, III, p. 154.
- 7 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 179-181, translation antea pp. 321-323.
- 8 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-labangiri, I, p. 413.

he had the rank of 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse. After Shah Jahan's accession he, in the 2nd year, was promoted to the rank of 4,000 foot with 3,000 horse1. In the 4th year he paid his respects, and was permitted to proceed to his fief. In the 12th year corresponding to 1049 A.H. (1639 A.D.) he2 died. One of his sons was Sardar Khān whose real name was Dildost. In the 20th year of Shāh Jahān's reign his rank was 1,000 foot with 700 horse3, and he was one of the auxiliaries of the Gujarāt province. In the 28th year, at the recommendation of Sultan Murad Bakhsh, he was promoted to the rank of 1,500 foot with 1,000 horse, and appointed Thanadar of Bijapur in the Sarkar of Pattan. When the said prince, during Emperor Shāh Jahān's illness, assumed the insignia of sovereignty, and then in response to Aurangzib's summons started (for Agra), Sardar Khan accompanied him. When Murad Bakhsh was imprisoned, he joined 'Alamgir's service, received the title of Sardar Khan, and was appointed Faujdar of Pattan. Later, when Dara Shikoh after the battle of Ajmer proceeded towards Gujarāt, he did not forego his allegiance, rather joining a force he captured Saiyid Ahmad, the brother of Saiyid Jalal Bokhari, whom Dara Shikoh had appointed Governor of Gujarat and imprisoned him. He also fortified the city and fortress, and offered strong resistance. As a reward his rank was raised to 2,500 foot with 2,500 horse of which 500 were two horse, three-horse troopers4. In the 4th year, he was summoned to the Court, and appointed Faujdar and fief-holder of Broach5. In the 10th year when he was appointed Faujdar of Junagarh, and Islamabad was also assigned to his charge. His rank was advanced to 3,000 foot with 3,000 horse, of which 2,500 were two-horse, three-horse troopers.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 267.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 149, he was the Faujdār of Pattan when he died.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 733.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 213, but his rank there is stated as 2,000, with 1,500 horse of which 1,000 were 2-horse, 3-horse troopers; later, p. 345, his rank was raised to 2,500 with 2,500 horse.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 629.

Another son was Dildar. He in the end of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign had the rank of 800 foot with 600 horse, and in the beginning of Emperor Aurangzab's reign received the title of Khan.

#### SARFRAZ KHAN DECCANI

(Vol. II, pp. 469-473).

He was of distinguished lineage, and it is stated that he belonged to the Quraish family. His ancestors came to the Deccan from holy Medina, and after undergoing many hardships entered the service of the Nizām Shāhīs. Sarfraz was granted the title of Sarfraz Khan and having attained the rank of an Amir became famous. When Malik 'Ambar rose to the head of the government and became Commander-in-chief of the forces, he was appointed head of the Telingana Army. When Nasīrī Khan Khan Dauran set himself in the 4th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign to take the fort of Qandahar-which for its size and impregnability was one of the leading forts of the country-Sarfraz Khan who had arranged his forces between the town and the fort, and had placed the artillery in front, bravely attacked him in that area. The brave attackers were greeted with a heavy barrage of artillery and musket fire from the fort and Khān Daurān and his companions fought bravely and killed many of the enemy. Some whose time had not yet arrived, saved their lives by flight. Sarfraz Khan abandoned his bag and baggage, and with a few followers escaped and joined the Nizām Shāhī troops—which under the command of Muqarrab Khān and Bahlol Khan in company with Randaula Khan 'Adil Khani had arrived near the fort to reinforce the garrison. The town came into the possession1 of the imperialists. As the fortune of the Nizam Shāhī dynasty was declining, its arrangements fell into disorder, and at this time Muqarrab Khān alias Rustam Khān Deccanī, the Commander-in-chief of the Nizām Shāhī forces, through his good fortune entered the imperial service. Sarfraz Khan also followed the

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 374, 375.

same course, and was appointed to the rank of 4,000 foot with 3,000 horse1. He came to Upper India in attendance on Emperor Shah Jahan, but took leave to serve in his native country—to which he was greatly attracted and attached and did not again leave it. He had pargana Löhgāön in Nāndair as his fief. He made the village of Baloli in that pargana as his home, and made it famous above all the nearby villages by erecting there a fine mosque and other buildings. He served for some thirty to forty years. Though he did not perform any outstanding service, yet he did not lose his position. He always served diligently under Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahadur during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan. When the said Prince went off to war with Dara Shikoh, Sarfraz Khan was raised to the rank of 5,0002, and despite his objections had to accompany him with the Deccan auxiliarie. When in the 9th year of Emperor. Aurangzīb's reign Mīrzā Rāja Jai Singh, Governor of the Deccan, proceeded to devastate the Bījāpūr territory, the fort of Mangalvide3, which was on the bank of the Bhimra (Bhima river), and 16 kos from Bijapur, was captured by the exertions of Netu the Commanderin-chief of Shivājī's army. Mīrzā Rāja appointed Udai Singh Bhadauriyah to the charge of the fort, and made Sarfraz Khan the Faujdar of the district4, and marched forward.

About the same time Sharza Khān Bījāpūrī came with 6,000 cavalry to attack the fort of Mangalvide. Though the Rāja had strictly enjoined Sarfrāz Khān to exercise all due care and foresight, and not to engage if the enemy came with a strong force, but to

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 297.

<sup>2</sup> See 'Alamgirnāma, p, 47 where his rank after promotion is given as 5,000 with 4,000 horse.

<sup>3</sup> Mangalpīra in the Text, Mangalpahra in Khāfī Khān, II, p. 192, and Mangalbēdh in 'Alamgīrnāma and Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī. The correct name is Mangalvide as given in Sir Jadunath Sarkar's Shivaji, p. 331 and Cambridge History of India; IV, p. 284.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 992. Nētājī the name of Shivāji's general is given as Nētū in the Text.

take shelter in the fort, but, he out of impetuousity and valour, engaged with them in battle at the head of a small force, and after much fighting was killed. After this event his sons with the remaining soldiers and elephants entered the fort, and found shelter there1. Sarfrāz Khān was a grey beard. He was very economical (salāmat² ravi), and neither harmed nor helped any one. He had five sons. Two of them Husain Khan and Muhammad Purdil Khan left descen-Husain Khan, who was the eldest, received the title of Sarfraz Khan after the death of his father, and having acquitted himself bravely was killed in the battle of Malkhair3 (Malkhed), which Diler Khan fought with the 'Adil Shahis. His sons were Murad Ullah Khan, and Burhan Ullah Khan. The latter about the end of the reign of Aurangzīb was the Faujdār of Nusratābād Sakkar (Sagar). In the 49th year he was removed from there, and the Faujdari with the government of Bijapur was assigned to Chin Qulīj Khān Bahādur. In the end he was in great distress. Nawāb Asaf Jah made him for sometime, after the battle with 'Alam 'Ali Khān, the Superintendent of Branding and Musters. He was an elegant (rangin) man, and was very intimate with the author. He died a natural death at Aurangabad. As long as he lived, the town of Baloli, despite his quarrels with his brothers, formed their jagir. At present this also has been taken from them.

## SARFRAZ <u>KH</u>AN SAIYID LAŢĪF (Vol. II, pp. 499, 500).

At first he was in the service of the Bījāpūr rulers. In the 20th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he, at the recommendation of Dilēr Khān Dādzai entered the royal service, and gradually attained a high

t 'Ālamgīrnāma pp. 995, 996. Also see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, IV, p. 112.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently implying that he was prudent and of a retired disposition.

<sup>3</sup> Battle of Malkhed, situated some 20 miles to the east of Gulbarga, in September 1677. See Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit. p. 147.

rank, and received the title of Sarfraz' Khan. In the 27th year he was deputed with Muhammad 'Azam Shah for besieging Bijapur, and after the victory was honoured by the gift of an elephant. Later he was in attendance on Muhammad Kam Bakhsh-who was at Sakkhar and had been appointed to assist Dhulfiqar Khan who was besieging Gingee. Afterwards he was appointed commandant and Faujdar of Nuṣratābād Sakkhar<sup>2</sup>. In the 40th year he was removed<sup>3</sup> from this post, and in the 43rd year4 he was appointed with Muhammad Bīdār Bakhsh to pursue Rāma Bhonsle, and rendered good service. He was later dismissed from his rank on account of some fault, but in the 47th year, at the request of Muhammad Kam Bakhsh, he was reinstated in the rank of 6,000 with 5,000 horse. After that he rendered good service in the pursuit of Bed6 (Pidia) Na'ik and as a reward in the 50th year his rank was increased to 6,000 with 6,000 horse7. After the death of Emperor Aurangzib he was killed by a bullet while he was attacking a village. His son was Sarafraz Khan Saiyid Amīn, who in Nizām-ul-Mulk Āsaf Jāh's time was the Governor of Haidarābad; he built houses in Musta'idpura outside the city. After his death his grandson inherited a small fief. At the time of writing he too is dead.

- 1 In Khāfi Khān, II, p. 291, his name is given as Latit Shāh.
- 2 It is spelt as Sakkhar and Sakkar in Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 304 where it is stated that the place was named Nusratgarh, p. 307. Its situation is given as between Bijāpūr and Ḥaidarābād. It is really Sāgar some 72 miles east of Bījāpūr city, see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Histarý of Aurangzib, V. p. 216.
  - 3 Maāthir-i- Alamgiri, p. 384.
  - 4 Op. cit., p. 411.
  - 5 This was in the 48th year, see Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 480.
- 6 Bēd in Text should be Pidia for whom see Sir Jadunath Sarkar's excellent account in the work cited pp. 218-234.
- 7 Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 513.

#### SATRSAL¹ BUNDILA

(Vol. II, pp. 510-512).

He was the son of Champat Bundīla, who after Jujhār Singh was killed, and his territory confiscated to the state, stirred up strife there, and attacked and plundered the country. In the 12th year2 of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign 'Abdullāh Khān Fīrūz Jang was appointed to chastise him, and in the 15th year3 Raja Bahar Singh Bundila was deputed for the same duty. As Champat Bundīla had long been in the service of Bīr Singh Dēo and Jujhār Singh, he abandoned the idea of turbulence, and for a time became his (Pahar Singh's) servant. Afterwards he entered the service of Sultan Dara Shikoh4. When Aurangzib started for Upper India in 1068 A,H. (1658 A.D.), he, atter the battle with Mahārāja Jaswant Singh and through the intermediation of Subh Karan Bundīla entered Aurangzīb's service, and was appointed to a high rank<sup>5</sup>. When the Emperor returned from Multan to oppose Sultan Shuja', he was attached to the contingent of Khalil Ullah Khan, the Governor of Lahore. As he was innately seditious, he ran away to his home from there, and took to highway robbery. As the Emperor had great affairs, such as the opposing of Sultan Shujā', the chastisement of the Mahārāja, and the encountering of Dārā Shikōh, on hand, he winked at the transgression, but at the time

I For the traditional history of Champat and Satrasal, or Chhatur Sal, see Pogson—History of the Boondelas (Calcutta, 1828). It is stated (p. 105) that he had 13 children alive. while according to tradition he had 52 sons. His mausoleum is at Chutturpur (Panna) where he died in December, 1731, at the age of 82 years.

<sup>2 11</sup>th year in the Text, but 12th in Bādshāhnāma which has been adopted, see pp. 136, 137 of vol. II.

<sup>3</sup> End of the 11th year in Text, but 15th in Badshahnama, I, p. 303.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 304.

<sup>5 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 78. He was appointed to the rank af 1,000 with 500 horse.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit.. p. 217.

of the march to Ajmer he sent Subhkarn Bundila and other Rajas to chastise him. After disposing off the claims to the share of the sovereignty, Aurangzib in the 4th year sent Raja Debī Singh to over-He got frightened, and hid himself from day to day. throw him. Rāja Sujān Singh—who was attached to the Bengāl contingent—made enquiries and ascertained that he was hiding in the village of Sahrāh the home of Raja Indraman Dhandera. Accordingly they hurried to summon him. The men got frightened, and cutting off his head sent it to the Court. After him Satrsal, who held a minor post, went off to Shivaji Bhonsle, who sent him to his native country. There he, according to the hereditary custom, stirred up turbulence. 22nd year Raja Jaswant Singh Bundila was sent to punish him. Thereupon he undertook to take up imperial service, and in the 44th year was appointed2 Commandant of the fort of A'zam Tara alias In the 48th year, he deserted to his home. In the 49th year, at the solicitation of Fīrūz Jang his offence was pardoned, and he was appointed to the rank of 4,000. After the death of Emperor Aurangzīb he retired to his own estates, and though in the reign of Emperor Bahadur Shah Farmans recalling him were issued, he did not come. But after the return of Emperor Bahadur Shah from the Deccan he joined the imperial army, and was appointed to the forces which were to act against the Guru who was the leader of the Sikhs. In the time of Emperor Muhammad Shah, when Muhammad Khān Bangash led an army against him and forcibly took possession of some imperial estates and reduced his power, he intrigued with the Marathas in Malwa, and with their assistance marched against him and besieged him in Garhi. After four months, the Marathas on account of an outbreak of plague returned, but he continued with the siege for another three months. At last peace was arranged3.

The account of Debi Singh's campaign against Champat Bundila is based on 'Alamgirnāma, pp. 632, 633.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, p. 424.

<sup>3</sup> For a good account of the Bundelkhand campaign see Irvine Later Mughals, II, pp. 230-241. Garhī should be Jaipūr, where Muhammad Khān

They say that he had many children. One of his sons was Kanwar Khān Chand, who was with Nizām-ul-Mulk Aṣaf Jāh in the Deccan, and had pargana Shērpūr in Berār as his fief.

## (RĀO) SATRSĀL HĀRĀ (Vol. II, pp. 260-263).

He was the grandson of Rão Ratan1. His father Gopi Nath had a slender body, but was so strong that he would sit between two branches of a tree, each of them of the thickness of the centre pole of an awning (Shāmiāna), and putting his foot on one, and his back against the other part them asunder. As a result of these improper exertions he fell ill and died during his father's life-time. When Rão Ratan died in the 4th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign, Sattsāl was made his successor according to the Rājpūt custom, according to which if the eldest son was dead, his son succeeded. The Emperor appointed him to the rank of 3,000 with 2,000 horse, gave him the title of Rao, and the fief of Bundi and Kanker and the neighbouring parganas which formed the home territory of Rao Ratan2. When he came from the Balaghat and did homage, he presented 40 elephants, which had belonged to his grandfather. Eighteen, the value of which was 2 1/4 lakhs of rupees were kept and the rest returned. He was granted a robe of honour, a horse with silver trappings, and a flag and drums3. Later he was appointed to the Deccan, and in company with Khan Zaman he, in the 6th year, distinguished himself by his loyal service in the siege of Daulatābād by superintending the batteries, providing aid wherever required, and bringing in provisions from Zafarnagar4.

with his small force was besieged till on signing a written agreement he was allowed to evacuate.

For the earlier career of Satrasal see Irvine, loc. cit. pp. 228-230.

- 1 See Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, Ii. pp. 208-211, translation antea, pp. 603-605.
  - 2 Taken fram Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 401, 402.
  - 3 Op. cit., p. 417.

4 Op. cit., pp. 503, 505, 510, 519.

One night the Deccanis finding the defenders off their guard attacked the quarters of Khan Zaman of which the Rao had charge. He stood firm and bravely defended the place. The Deccanis retired after killing the brother's son of Bahlūl. In the 7th year he performed valiant deeds in the siege of Parenda<sup>1</sup>. In the 8th year when the government of the Bālāghāt was entrusted to Khān Zamān, the Rāo was attached2 to him. In the 9th year when the Emperor proceeded to Khandesh to chastise Sahu Bhonsle and for comforting his Deccan subjects, the Rão and Khān Zamān joined3 him after his arrival near Burhanpur. Later when three armies were sent out under the commands of three leading officers, the Rao was placed in the van of the army under Khan Zaman, and at all times and in all places he with the said Khan exerted bravely in the chastisement of the malcontents. In his absence (ghāibāna i.e. without personally appearing at the Court) his rank was advanced to 3,000 foot with 3,000 horse by an increase4 of 1,000 horse. After having spent a few years in the Deccan he came<sup>5</sup> in the 15th year to the Court in attendance on Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Governor of the Deccan. In the same year he was deputed with Sultan Dara Shikoh to the Qandahār campaign. On his return in the 18th year he was granted a robe of honour, and was permitted to go to his country. In the 19th year he8 went with Prince Murad Bakhsh on the campaign to Balkh and Badakhshān. When the said Prince on account of inexperience left that country, the Rao returned to Peshawar either on account of the unsuitability of the climate or from love for his native country. The Emperor ordered the Attock officers not to allow him to cross<sup>9</sup> (the Indus). In the 20th year when Sultan Aurangzib was appointed to that province, he accompanied him, and distinguished himself in the fights with the Uzbegs and Alamanan. When the Prince by

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, pp. 33-47.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 135.

<sup>5</sup> Badshāhnama, II, p. 284,

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., pp. 387, 388,

<sup>9</sup> Op. cit., p. 633.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 63.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 177.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 293.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 484.

his father's orders made over the province to Nadhar Muhammad, and returned to Kābul, the Rāo was summoned to the Court from Kābul, and he arrived there in the 21st year; he paid his respects and was allowed to go to his home. In the 22nd year he was summoned to the Court, and granted the rank of 3,500 foot with 3,500 horse, and sent with Prince Muhammad Aurangzib on the campaign to Qandahar, which had passed into the hands of the Irānians. He was sent with Rustam Khān and Qulīj Khān to Bust, and fought bravely2 in the battle with the Iranians. In the 25th year with the said Prince3, and in the 26th year with4 Prince Dara Shikoh he was again sent on the same expedition. In the 29th year he was appointed to the Deccan, which province had been assigned to Prince Aurangzīb, and in the taking of the forts of Bīdar and Kalyani had frequent encounters with the Deccanis, and performed valuable services through bravely sticking firmly to his allotted positions. In the 31st year when there was a change of affairs, and Sultan Dārā Shikoh in spite of the counter orders of Shah Jahan, appointed strict Sazāwals for sending back to the Court the officers who had been deputed to the Deccan and thus in spite of the fact that Sultan Aurangzīb was busy with the siege of Bījāpūr and was within a day or two of taking it, the Rao left without the Prince's. leave, and returned to the Court. In the battle near Agra in 1068 A.H. (1658 A.D.) between the two Princes he was in Dara Shikoh's vanguard. He performed great deeds of valour, and courageously attacked the centre of Sultan Aurangzīb's army, where he was slain by the brave warriors of that force7.

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amal Salih III, p. 71.

Op. cit., p. 89.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 139.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 29.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 95.

<sup>6</sup> See Sir Jadunath. Sarkar's History of Aurangzib, I, p. 403. His name there is given as Chhatra Sal. See also Tod, Rajasthan (1914 edn.), II, pp. 388, 389.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 157.

### SAZĀWAR <u>KH</u>ĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 438-441).

He was the son of Lashkar Khan Abul Hasan whose account1 has been included in this work. In the 1st year of Emperor Shah Jahān's reign he was given the rank2 of 1,000 with 500 horse, and when his father was appointed Governor of Kābul, he was attached to him, and went with the advance force. After the suppression of Nadhar Muhammad Khān, the ruler of Balkh, in that province, he was rewarded with an increase of 500 with 100 horse, and in the 3rd year his rank was advanced to 2,000 with 700 horse. Afterwards, he appeared at the Court in the Deccan, and in the 4th year was appointed to assist 'Azam Khān, who had requested for his appointment. His rank was increased to 2,500 with 1,000 horse. In the 5th year he went off to his father who had been appointed Governor of Delhi. In the 6th year he had an increase of 1,000 horse, and was granted a flag and drums, and appointed Faujdar3 of the Lakhī Jangal in succession to Jan Nithar Khan. In the 8th year he was removed4 from there, and in the 9th year when the Emperor went to the Deccan, he was appointed with Khan Dauran to devastate Adil Khān's territories. He rendered good service in the siege and capture of the fort of Ausa<sup>6</sup>, and as a reward received in the 10th year an increase of 500 horse. In the 13th year he was promoted to the rank of 3,000 with 2,500 horse. In the 15th year he came to the Court from the Deccan8 in attendance on Sultan Aurangzīb Bahādur, and went with Sultān Dārā Shikōh when he left for Qanda-

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 163-168, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 831-834.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 121.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 476.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 64.

<sup>5</sup> ld., p. 136.

<sup>6</sup> Udgir in Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, pp. 217, 218.

<sup>7</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 205.

har with the intention of fighting with the ruler of Iran. In the 17th year, he was appointed Governor of Junair on the death of Sipāhdār Khān. Probably he was also Faujdār of Sultānpūr and Nandurbar, which office was taken from him in the 22nd year. As he was ill for a long time, he was deprived of his rank. In the 29th year after recovering his health he came to the Court, and was appointed to the rank of 3,000 with 1,200 horse, and made Faujdar of Tirhūt, and received many of its estates in fief in succession to 'Abdur Rasūl son of 'Abdullāh Khān Bahādur. After reaching there he died in 1065 A.H. (1655 A.D.). His son Shafqat Ullah, at the end of Shah Jahan's reign had the rank of 500 with 150 horse. In the 28th year he was appointed Commandant of the fort of Trimbak in the Deccan, and in the 31st year was promoted as Superintendent of the Bangash. In the 1st year of Aurangzib's reign he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 1,000 with 250 horse, and granted the title of his father2. In the 16th year when Shujā'at Khān Ra'dandaz Khan went to chastise the Afghans of the Khaibar, he was sent as second-in-command of the artillery. In the 17th year he accompanieda Sultan Muhammad Akbar, who had been appointed to proceed to Kābul by the route of Kōhāt. In the 21st year he was appointed Faujdar of Qanauj4. Later he was, for a while, under censure, but in the 28th year he was pardoned, and appointed 2nd Mir Tuzuk. He died in the 29th year6. His son Rahmat Ullah received a mourning robe.

<sup>1</sup> Id., p. 378.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 127. His father's death in Bihār is also recorded on the same page.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīri, p. 136.

<sup>4</sup> Id., p. 163.

<sup>5</sup> ld., p. 255.

<sup>6</sup> Id., p. 267. The name of his son is not mentioned there.

## SHĀDĪ <u>KH</u>ĀN ŪZBEG (Vol. II, pp. 661, 662).

He was a Mansabdar during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan, and was posted to the fort of Qandahar. In the 22nd year corresponding to 1058 A.H. (1648 A.D.) when the King of Iran came to take the fort, and encamped in the garden of Ganj 'Alī Khān, Shādī Khān had charge of the Wais Qaran Gate on behalf of Khwwas Khān the Commandant of the fort. After the siege had lasted a long time, he turned unfaithful to his salt, and following the path of disgrace allied himself with the enemy. He also led away Qibchāq Khān—whose account has been written separately-from the straight path. With some other Mansabdars he went to the Commandant of the fort and represented that as the roads were blocked by snow there was no hope of reinforcements reaching them, and that from the energy with which the Iranian army was conducting the siege it was evident that the fort would soon be captured. After that they would have neither any chance of safety for themselves, nor could they hope to rescue their The Commandant, who had lost courage, children and families. instead of using his sword contented himself with admonishing them.

#### Verse

Whenever it is essential for you to prescribe an operation! If you apply an ointment (instead), it is of no avail.

Then he retired to his house. After a few days he sent a message to the Commandant that a person by the name of Muhammad

1 The account appears to be based on 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, pp. 73-77. The date of surrender of the fort of Qandahār is given there as 8th Ṣafr—see also Khāfi Khān, I, pp. 688, 689 where the date is 9th Ṣafr 1059 A.H. The year 1056 A.H. as given in the Text of Maāthir above, is a mistake for 1059 A.H. as Shādī Khān was appointed to Qandahār only in 1058 A.H. See also Banarsi Prasad Saksena's History of Shah lahan, pp. 224, 225 where the date of surrender of the fort is given as February 11, 1649. See also Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 204. For Qibchāq Khān see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 82-85, translation, antea, pp. 524-526

Beg with Sharaf-ud-Din-who was the Superintendent of buildings and stores of the fort of Bust-had come on behalf of the ruler of Iran with some messages, and had brought four letters. The Commandant sent Mīrak Hasan Bakhshī to send back the messenger. When Mīrak Hasan reached the Gate, he found that Shadi Khan had seated Muhammad Beg inside the Gate, and that Oibchag Khan and a number of Mansabdars were also sitting there. Accordingly he returned and informed the Commandant. He sent his writer (Lashkar navis) to take charge of Muhammad Beg, and to send Qibchaq Khan and Shadi Khan to him. When they arrived, he asked them why they admitted an enemy (inside the fort) without his permission. They replied that he brought some letters, and it did not seem right to send him back without seeing them. The Commandant went himself to the Gate. When he learnt that the fort of Bust had been and read the letters. taken, he agreed to five days (i.e. surrender on the fifth day). On the 5th day 28th Safr 1056 A.H. (5th April, 1646 A.D.) Shadi Khān made over the Wais Qaran Gate to 'Alī Qulī Khān, the leader of the King of Iran's forces, and himself went with Qibchaq Khan to the King of Iran.

# SHĀHAM KHĀN JALĀIR¹ (Vol. II, pp. 603-605).

He was one of the old officers of Emperor Akbar. His father Bābā Bēg Jalāir had rendered good services for the dynasty. Emperor Humāyūn appointed him the Governor of Jaunpūr. As the climate of Bengāl suited that Prince, the gates of pleasure and enjoyment were opened. Jalāl Khān also known as Salīm Shāh in accordance with his father Shēr Shāh's instructions arrived at Jaunpūr, and besieged it. Bābā Bēg defended the place with bravery<sup>2</sup> and skill. Afterwards in

Blochmann in his translation of  $\overline{A}$  in, I (and edn.), pp. 450, 451 published a more detailed biography of Shāham Khān Jalāir.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, pp. 153, 154, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 336. Jalāl Khān however succeeded in taking possession of Jaunpur, see S. K. Bauerji's Humayun Badshah, I, p. 220.

the affair of the Chausa ferry in 946 A.H. (1539 A.D.) when Sher Shah attacked Humayūn's camp unawares and defeated him, and Humāyūn fled in confusion to Agra, he appointed Bābā Bēg to escort Hājī Bēgam and other ladies of the harem. The royal soul was killed at the door of the royal enclosure by the Afghans. Shaham Khān by his good and devoted service under Emperor Akbar attained the rank of Amir. When he was deputed with Khan Khanan Mun'im Khān for the conquest of Bengāl, it so happened that the Khān Khānān died there, and the officers for protecting the country selected him as their leader2. After this, in the 32nd year, his fief in Garh was fixed in accordance with a rank of 3,000. Later he was favoured by the Emperor by appointment as Governor of Delhi. When after a stay of fourteen years in the Panjab, in the 43rd year, Delhi became the seat of royalty, it was reported that Shaham Khan had made over the administration of the place to some greedy persons, and was himself spending the time in idleness. He was censured and placed in the background's (i.e. removed from office). In the Asir campaign in the Deccan, in accordance with the royal orders, he collected equipments, and arrived quickly. As a result he was again exalted with favours. During the siege he died of dysentery in the 45th year in the month of Dhul Hijjah 1009 A.H. (May, 1601 A.D.5).

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 159, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 343. See also Banerji op. cit., p. 232.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 160, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 226-228.

<sup>3</sup> Op cit., Text, p. 749, translation, p. 1118.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 772, translation, p. 1154.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 774, translation, p. 1156. In regard to his death see Beveridge's note 2 on p. 1156 and Index, p. 56 from which it would be seen that he died in August, 1600.

## SHAHĀMAT <u>KH</u>ĀN SAIYID QĀSIM BĀRAH

(Vol. II, pp. 681-683).

Originally he was in the service of Dara Shikoh, and with his headquarters in the fort of Allāhābād he looked after the administration of that province on his behalf. When Dārā Shikōh after being defeated went to the Panjab, Aurangzīb sent Khān Daurān Saiyid Mahmūd to take the fort (of Allāhābād) either by negotiation or by force. Meanwhile Muhammad Shujā' in accordance with the agreement with Aurangzīb had taken possession of the province of Bihār, and while Aurangzīb was in the Panjāb pursuing Dārā Shikōh, Muḥammad Shujā' advanced on finding the capital deserted, and the Governors of the forts of Rohtas and Chunar-who held these forts on behalf of Dārā Shikōh—made these over to Muḥammad Shujā' in accordance with instructions in letters from Dara Shikoh written after his flight. Saiyd Qasim also informed Muhammad Shuja about this arrangement1, and when the latter came to Allahabad, went and waited upon him. He was2 with him in battle, but after his defeat returned before him to Allāhābād, which Muḥammad Shujā had left under his charge. After Muhammad Shujā' arrived there he sagaciously refused to surrender the strong fort to him. When news was received of the approach of Prince Muḥammad Sultān and Mu'azzam Khān-who had been appointed to pursue Shujā'-he sought an alliance with Khan Dauran, and made the surrender of the fort a means of attaining his intercession3. In accordance with the royal orders he reached the Court in the Ist year, and paid his respects. He was honoured by the grant of a robe of honour, the rank of 3,000 with 1,000 horse, and the title of Shahāmat Khān4. In the 2nd year he

The above account of the surrenders of the forts of Rohtas and Chunar to Shuja' by Ram Singh and 'Abdul Jalil, the Commandants of the forts on behalf of Dārā Shikōh, and the offer by Saiyid Qāsim Khān to surrender the fort of Allāhābād to nim is taken from 'Alamgirnāma, p. 225.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 257.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 285, 286.

<sup>4.</sup> Op. cit., pp. 303, 304.

was appointed Thānadār of Ghaznīn¹ in succession to Shamshēr Khān Tarīn. In the 4th year he was removed from there, and nominated as an auxiliary of the province of Kābul. In the 6th year he was exalted by being appointed² to the charge of the fort of Kābul. He was for a long time in that country. Sometimes he was in charge and at other times he was only included amongst officers appointed to that province. He died in the 24th³ year. Nuṣrat Yār Khān, his brother's son attained a high rank in the time of Emperor Muhammad Shāh, but did not accomplish anything.

## SHAHBĀZ <u>KH</u>ĀN alias SHERŪ RŌHILA (Vol. II, pp. 650, 651).

In the 1st year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he received the title<sup>4</sup> of Shahbāz Khān, and was deputed<sup>5</sup> with Mahābat Khān when he was sent to chastise Nadhr Muḥammad Khān the ruler of Balkh, who was creating a disturbance round about Kābul. Afterwards he was sent with 'Abdullāh Khān to chastise Jujhār Singh Bundīla who had rebelled for the first time. In the 3rd year he was appointed to Bāsim along with Rāo Ratan Hārā, and granted<sup>6</sup> a flag. Afterwards he went<sup>7</sup> to the fort of Qandahār in the Deccan with Naṣīrī Khān, and rendered good service in its capture. Then he went<sup>8</sup> with Ā'ṣam Khān to Bhālkī and Chatkōha in Bīdar, and in the 4th year corresponding to 1040 A.H. (1630 A.D.) he was killed with his son in royal service in a battle which ensued during a foraging expedition when Bahādur Khān Rōhila and Yūsuf Muḥammad Khān of Tāsh-

<sup>1</sup> Ālamgīrnāma, p. 341.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 834.

<sup>3</sup> His appointment as the Commandant of the Kābul fort in the 24th year is recorded in *Maātbir-i-ʿĀlamgīrī*, p. 196, and the appointment of his successor in the same year on p. 207.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 204.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 213.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 298.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 374.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 379.

kand were taken prisoners by the Deccanis. He had attained the rank<sup>2</sup> of 3,000 with 2,000 horse.

### SHAHBĀZ KHĀN KAMBŪ®

(Vol. II, pp. 590-601).

He4 was sixth in descent from Hajī Jamal, who was a disciple of Makhdum Baha'-ud-Din Zakria of Multan. It is stated that a darwesh asked the Makhdum to give him, for the love of God, an ashrafi in the name of each of the prophets. The Makhdum was perplexed and the Haji said to him, "Make over the man to me." He took him to his home and said, "Mention the name of each prophet, and receive an ashrafi". The darwesh named ten or twenty, and received an ashrafi for each, and then humbly confessed that he could not name any more. When this was reported to the Makhdum, he blessed Hājī Jamāl by saying that no one of his descendants would ever have a deficient intellect. Accordingly most men of the Kambū family are famed throughout India for the sharpness of their intellect. Shahbaz Khan at first passed his days like his ancestors in asceticism and as a darwesh. Later, he discharged so well the duties of the Kotwal, that his work met with the approval of the Emperor Akbar, and he was promoted from the rank of 100 to that of an Amīr, and appointed Mīr-Tūzuk. In the 16th year when Lashkar Khān, the Chief Bakhshī, was censured, his office was assigned to Shahbaz Khan, and after sometime he was appointed the Chief Bakhshī. In the 21st year he was deputed to punish the turbulent Rathors, especially Kala son of Ram Rai grandson of Rai Maldeo, and to reduce the fort of Siwana

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pp. 380, 381.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 298.

<sup>3</sup> For Kambū see Yazdani 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, I, pp. 3, 4, and edition of Elliot's Glossary, I, p. 304.

<sup>4</sup> Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edition), pp. 436-440. Hāji Jamāl is called Ḥāji Ismā'il, and the story is differently told there.

<sup>5</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 364, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 529, 530.

in the Jödhpür territory. A number of the recalcitrants of the neighbourhood had collected in the fort of Dēokur, and he first addressed himself to reducing it. He was soon victorious, and a large number of the rebels were killed. After that he took the fort of Dūtārā, and then applied himself to the taking of Siwānah—which was one of the famous fortresses in the country. The garrison capitulated and surrendered the fort. Shahbāz Khān returned to the Court, and was graciously received.

In the same year, which corresponded to 984 A.H. (1576 A.D.), Shahbaz Khan was deputed against Raja Gajpati who was one of the leading Zamindars of Bihar. Gajpati had always collaborated with the imperial troops and rendered good service in subduing Bengal, but he developed some improper ideas in his head, and returned to his domain. At the time of confusion, which followed in Bengal after the death of Mun'im Khan, Gajpati adopted evil ways, became a robber, and began to plunder and devastate the country. Farhat Khān, the fief-holder of Arrah, and his sons Farhang Khān and Qarā Tāq Khān fell in battle against him. When Shahbaz Khān came, the pillars of Gajpati's power shook and he thought it best to fly from the Shahbaz Khan did not give up the pursuit and followed him wherever he went and finally besieged him in Jagdespür which was his strongest fort. When the fort was reduced after a time, his family were made prisoners and he became a vagabond. Shahbaz Khān also took the fort of Shērgarh which Srī Rām, the son of Gajpatī, was holding. At this time the fort of Rohtas-which is impossible to reduce by ordinary means—was in the hands of Junaid Karārānī. He made it over to Saiyid Muhammad, a trusted servant. When Junaid Karārānī died, Muzaffar Khān set off to take the fort. Saiyid Muhammad turned to Shahbaz Khan and implored for protection. This was granted, and he delivered the fort2.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 167, 168, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 238, 278. I have Beveridge followed for the names of the forts.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 185-189, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 260-268.

After these distinguished services Shahbaz Khan returned to the Court, and received boundless favours. Later, he was appointed to chastise the proud Rana Partap, and in the 23rd year, 986 A.H., 1578-79 A.D., he besieged the fort of Kombalmir, which had seldom before been taken. The Rana was frightened, and in the dead of the night fled disguised in the dress of a sanyāsī and went and hid himself in the hills. The fort was captured, and the next day the forts of the Gogandah and Udaipür were taken possession of. He left no part of the territory undevastated, and having annexed it established fifty thanas in the hill country (Köhistan), and thirtyfive outside it from Udaipūr to Purmandal. He made Dūdā, the son of Rai Surjan Hara, who had always been turbulent, submissive, and took him with himself to the Court, and received royal favours. He was again deputed to the Ajmer Province in the neighbourhood of the area for punishing the obstreperous. Accordingly Rana Partap—whose family and belongings had been plundered—found his territory clear of evil doers and occupied by an army. Other recalcitrants became so alarmed that they considered every morning and every evening their last.

When the disturbance of the disloyal officers occurred in Bihār and Bengāl, Shahbāz Khān was sent there. But in his presumption he could not get on with Khān Ā'zam Kōka, who had also been deputed to chastise the rebels. He acted independently in uprooting the seditious mongers of Bihār. He administered suitable punishment to 'Arab Bahādur, and moved off to chastise the rebels of Jagēspūr. When it became known that Ma'ṣūm Khān Farrankhudī had gone astray, and that 'Arab Bahādur and Niyābat Khān had joined him, Shahbāz Khān hastened to Audh (Oudh). Near Sulṭānpur Bilhārī, 25 kos from Audh (Faizābād) an engagement took place. Ma'ṣūm Khān attacked the Centre, and Shahbāz Khān losing control fled; nor did he turn rein till he reached Jaunpūr, some 30 kos distant. Accidentally a report of the death of Ma'sūm Khān dispersed his troops, and at this time the left wing of the imperialists rushed into action. After a short fighting Ma'ṣūm Khān was wounded and

fled to Audh. When Shahbāz Khān heard the good news of the victory, he quickly renewed the battle 7 kos from Audh. After a hard fight the enemies were defeated and had to disperse in various directions as they could not establish themselves in Audh.

When the disturbance of these sedition-mongers was quelled, Shahbaz Khan marched to the Capital city of Agra, and in the absence of the Emperor-who had gone to Kābul to put down Mīrzā Muḥammad Hakim-he in accordance with instructions carried on the administration of that great city in the Emperor's absence. In the 26th year on the return of the Emperor he offered his obeisance. As world's wine casts away men at a time when they have performed outstanding deeds, he fell into presumptuous ways during this time when there was the hunt at Nagarchin, the Bakhshis at the time of assigning the watches placed him below Mīrzā Khān son of Bairām Khān. As wine had encouraged him, he left his place and uttered unseemly expressions. Emperor Akbar with a view to teach him wisdom made him over to Rāī Sāl Darbārī². When in the 28th year, Khān Ā'zam who had become sick of the Bengal climate, requested for appointment in some other area, Shahbaz Khan was sent<sup>3</sup> to administer that area with a large contingent of officers. On reaching the place he went on an expedition to Ghoraghat to fight with Ma'sum Khan Kabuli, and after a hard struggle defeated him. The elephant Parshad and other spoils fell into his hands, and Shahbaz Khan pursued Ma'sum Khan to the country of Bhātī where he had taken refuge.

Bhātī is a low lying country to the south of Tānda, and is nearly 400 kos long (broad) and almost 300 kos broad (long from North to South). As Bengāl is a higher level tract than this area, the latter is known as Bhātī. When this tract was devastated by the imperialist troops, and Baktrapūr, the residence of the ruler of Bhātī was sacked, and Sōnārgāon taken possession of, and the shores of Brahmāputra—which is a great river which comes from China (Tibet)—were

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 372, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 546.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 375, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 550, 551.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 401, 402, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 594.

conquered, Isa, the Zamindar of the place, failed to defeat the imperialist armies, and so was obliged to have recourse to blandishments and propose peace. It was agreed that a royal Superintendent should be placed in charge of Sonargaon, and that Ma'sum Khan should be sent off to Mecca, provided the imperial army was withdrawn. While Shahbaz Khan after crossing the rivers was waiting for the execution of the engagements, Isa temporised, and finally turning the page prepared for battle. The officers were disgusted with Shahbaz Khan's overbearing and proud behaviour, and instead of co-operating with him everyone deserted him. He was forced to retreat to Tanda, and all the acquisitions (of territory) were lost. Some persons lost their lives, and a number were taken as prisoners. The enemy being emboldened recovered possession of several places. Shahbaz Khan, on account of the treachery and dissension in his command prepared to return to the On receiving the news the Emperor appointed Sazāwals Presence. and ordered him to return. The fief-holders of Bihar were deputed to accompany him. Shahbaz Khan obeying the orders turned back, and through his great exertions recovered the lost places. He repeatedly defeated the culprit Ma'sūm, who thereupon became a vagabond1.

In the 30th year, selfishness and arrogance resulted in a dissension between Shahbāz Khān and Ṣādiq Khān. Ṣādiq Khān in accordance with the orders of the Emperor took up the management of Bengāl, and Shahbāz Khān retired from the territory before the work had been finished. After sometime he went with the Sazāwals² of His Majesty from Bihār to Bengāl and addressed himself to the settlement of the country. He overthrew many of the rebels, and sending a force to Bhātī reduced the Zamīndār to obedience. He also appointed a force to Kōkrah—which was a populous country between Orīssa and the Deccan—and collected much booty; Mādhū Singh the land-holder of the place paid a tribute. When in the 32nd year tranquillity had been established in that territory, and Saʿīd Khān reached there from

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 460, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 695.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 448, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 672, 673.

Bihār, Shahbāz Khān proceeded to Court, and in the 34th year was appointed Kōtwāl of the imperial camp1. Later he was deputed to chastise the Afghans of Sawad (Sawat). As he returned from there without permission, he was put into prison2. He was released after two years, and was made guardian of Mīrzā Shāhrukh who had been Then he and Mîrzā were appointed to the appointed to Mālwa. Deccan campaign under the leadership of Prince Murad. During the siege of Ahmadnagar, when the inhabitants of Shahr-i-Nau -which was known as Burhānābād - were relying upon a promise of protection which they had received from the Prince, Shahbaz Khan out of bigotry made a pretence of visiting the quarter known as Langar-Dūāzdah Imam (the House of the 12 Imams), and which was mostly inhabited by Shī'as. He gave a hint to his soldiers to plunder the area3. The Deccanis therefore lost faith in the assurances of the Moghuls, and most of them went off into exile. The Prince was displeased. As Shahbaz Khan had long been on bad terms with Sadiq Khan, the guardian of the Prince, he without leave went off to Malwa. Emperor Akbar deprived him of his fief there, and transferred it to Mīrzā Shāhrukh4. He was sent to Ajmēr5 in the 43rd year, and in the expedition against the Rana was appointed to the advanced forces of Prince Sultan Salim who had marched with this purpose from Allahabad. As he was addicted so taking quicksilver, and was more than seventy years of age, he developed pains in his arms and waist. He recovered a little, but at Ajmer was again attacked by the same malady and suffered from high fever. As a result of treatment by the physicians he recovered his health, but in the 44th year of the

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 537, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 817.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 584, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 885. He was released in the 38th year, Text, p. 641, translation, p. 985, and according to the Badāyūnī had to pay a fine of 7 lakhs of rupees.

<sup>3</sup> See, however. Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 699, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1046.

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 717, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1069.

<sup>5</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 749, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1120.

reign of Emperor Akbar, corresponding to 1008 A.H. (1599 A.D), he suddenly died. The Prince took possession of his belongings, and without finishing the campaign returned to Allāhābād, and unfurled the flag of independence.

It is stated that Shahbaz Khan had directed in his will that he should be buried in the enclosure of the tomb of Khwaja Mu'in-ud-Din, May Lord have mercy on him! The custodians objected, and he had to be buried outside. In the night the Khwaja appeared to them in a dream and enjoined them saying that Shahbaz Khan was one of the favoured ones, and that they should bury him inside in the northern part of the dome. Next day, at their insistence, the body was removed and placed in the appointed spot. His piety and asceticism were well-known. He observed all the canons of the Shari'at to the letter. He did not follow the prevailing custom of the day of trimming his beard short and did not drink any wines, nor did he have the word disciple (Murid) engraved on his ring. He never missed the night or morning prayers or the afternoon ones, nor did he ever fail in his ablutions and he was always telling the rosary which he had in his hand. He did not talk of worldly affairs between the afternoon and evening prayers. One day towards the end of the day Emperor Akbar was enjoying fresh air on the bank of the Fathpur tank. He was holding Shahbaz Khan's arms, and began to discourse with him. Shahbaz Khan all the time kept watching the sun. Hakim Abul Fath-who was standing at a distance-said to Hakīm 'Alī, "If this man does not miss his evening prayers today, we will know that he is really pious". When the time of prayers was at hand, Shahbaz Khan represented the matter to the Emperor. The latter replied, "You can miss it; surely you are not going to leave me alone". Shahbaz Khan withdrew his arm, spread his dopatta (shawl) on the ground, and began saying his prayers, and then proceeded to tell his beads. Emperor Akbar every now and then struck his hand on his head, and asked him to get up.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 764, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1142.

Hakim Abul Fath said, "It is not fair to interrupt this good man", so he went forward and urged, "All the favours should not be shown to this person only, there are others who are hoping for such a kindness (i.e. to be spoken to)". The Emperor left Shahbaz Khan and went over to them. It is on account of such acts that Shaikh Abūl Fadl has recorded in his favour that in regard to every kind of service and as a military leader he would have had few equals, if he had not been imbued with excess of formality; and had he opened his lips with discretion he would have been adorned with the tiara of greatness. In energy and liberality he was unequalled; all were astonished and some said he had got hold of the philosopher's stone (sang-i-pāras). This is a stone which, whenever it touches a metal in the melted and deliquescent state, transmutes it into gold. It is stated that it is found in the province of Malwa. It was found before the time of Vikramājīt in the reign of Rāja Jai Singh Dēo. The fort of Mandu was completed in twelve years with gold produced by such a stone. One day he had arranged a feast on the bank of the river Narbada, and wished to give a bountiful present to his Brahman. As he had to some extent withdrawn himself from wordly affairs, he presented him this stone. The Brahman in his ignorance was greatly enraged and went and flung it into the river; he had thus to regret his foolish action eternally. On account of the depth of the water it could not be recovered, and nowadays no trace of it is to be found.

It is stated that Shahbaz Khan had an excellent establishment of servants. Out of these there were ten of them who each received a lac a year. In the Brahmaputra campaign he had 9,000 troopers of his own. Every Friday eve he gave a thousand ashrafis as a shirini nadhar (present of sweetmeats) to Hadrat Ghauth-ul-Shaqlin. May God have mercy on him! To the men of the Kambū tribe he was so liberal that no one of them throughout India was left in distressed circumstances. After his death for fifty years ashrafis and rupees

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 764.

used to be unearthed from his buried treasures. What is strange, however, is that up to the 40th year of Emperor Akbar's reign his rank was not more than that of 2,000. People's idea about his having found the philosopher's stone, therefore, gained currency, though that does not appear credible. His sons did not attain a high rank. Ilhām Ullāh, one of the sons, became the recorder of Baglāna in the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān, and spent his life there. But Karam Ullāh¹, the brother of Shahbāz Khān was possessed of excellent qualities. He died a natural death at Sirōnj in 1002 A.H (1593-94 A.D.).

## SHĀH BEG <u>KH</u>ĀN AR<u>GH</u>ŪN<sup>2</sup> (Vol. II, pp. 642-645).

He was known as the Khān Daurān, and was the son of Ibrāhīm Bēg Charīk³. In his younger days he was a servant of Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm, and was posted as the Governor of Pēshāwar. After the Mīrzā's death, and when Rāja Mān Singh in accordance with Emperor Akbar's orders crossed the Indus to bring over his family, Shāh Bēg went away to Kābul⁴, but later came to the Court with the Mīrzā's children; he was appointed to a suitable post⁵. He distinguished himself in chastising the Yūsufzaīs in Swāt and Bajaur⁶, and was granted Khūshāb as his assignment. He did good service in the conquest of Tatta (Sind) under the Khān Khānān, and as a reward was raised to the rank of 2,500. In the 39th year when Mīrzā Muṣzafar Ḥusain of Qandahār, the Ṣafavī, expressed his desire to enter the Emperor's service, Shāh Bēg Khān was deputed from Banga-

- 1 He forged the letter which led to Shah Mansur being hanged, see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, p. 657.
- 2 The biography is freely translated by Blochmann, A'in I (2nd edn.), pp. 408-410.
  - 3 Blochmann has Harik.
  - 4 Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 469, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 706.
  - 5 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 473, translation, III, pp. 713, 714.
  - 6 Op. cit., Text, p. 487, translation, III, p. 734.

shāt to govern Qandahār<sup>1</sup>. He did great deeds in uprooting the Kākars, who for a long time had been committing robberies and terrorising the inhabitants; and in the 42nd year he was exalted to the rank of 3,500.

In the 1st year of Emperor Jahangir's reign Husain Khan Shamlu, the Governor of Herāt on hearing of the death of Emperor Akbar came with a Khurāsān army and besieged Qandahār. Shāh Beg Khān with a stout heart and proper courage daily sent out well arranged forces for fighting, and at night he sat on the top of the citadel and held festivities. When the Iranian envoy came to the fort, there was great shortage of grain, but Shah Beg Khan from his own stores heaped up every kind of corn in the streets and markets, so that the enemy might not be able to have an idea of the prevailing distress. As the siege had been started without the sanction of the Iranian king Shāh 'Abbās Ṣafavī, Husain Khān was rebuked and he had to return unsuccessful. In accordance with the royal commands Shah Beg Khan came to Kābul from Qandahār in 1016 A.H. (1607-08 A.D.), and waited upon Emperor Jahangira. He was rewarded by promotion to the rank of 5,000, the grant of the title of Khan Dauran, and was appointed Governor of Kābul and Afghānistān. From Hasanabdāl he was permitted to return to his territory4. He served there for a long When as a result of old age he lost his physical strength, and became incapable of riding or carrying out forced marches—which

- 1 Akbarnama, Text, pp. 633, 634, translation, III, pp. 972, 973.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, p. 650, translation, III, p. 999.
- 3 The author seems to have confused the events to some extent. Shāh Bēg Khān was promoted to the rank of 5,000 in the New Year's great feast, vide Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk, I, p. 49. The report of the attack on Qandahār was received later, vide pp. 70, 71 whence the account in Maāthir is taken, also see p. 86 where the Shāh of Persia's intervention is mentioned, as also of Shāh Bēg Khān returning to the Court with the relieving force.
- 4 He was appointed to Tīrāh, Kābul, Bangash and the province of Swāt and Bajaur, and received the title of <u>Kh</u>ān Daurān and various presents, op. cit., p. 128.

were essential for a Governor of Afghānistān—he was recalled to the Court, and appointed Governor of Tatta¹ (Sind). In the 14th year he on the score of advanced age tendered his resignation. Emperor Jahāngīr out of regard for his valuable services assigned to him the pargāna of Khūshāb—which was his old assignment and which yielded Rs. 75,000—as his² fief.

It is stated that when he was going to Tatta, and went to take leave of Asaf Jah, the latter recommended to him the brethren of Mullā Muḥammad of Tatta who was his companion. Shāh Bēg Khān had heard that the Mulla's brethren because of his influence paid no heed to the Governors, so he said in reply, "If they will behave properly, all will be well, otherwise I will skin them." Asaf Jah was greatly displeased, and this speech finally was the cause of ruin of Shah Beg Khan's officers, and the loss of his rank and assignment. Shah Beg Khan was a simple soldier and a frank Turk. During the reign of Emperor Akbar when at the time of his departure to Qandahar Shaikh Farid Mir Bakhshi presented him the flag and drums, Shah Beg Khan immediately remarked, "What is the use of these things? Let my rank be increased and an assignment granted so that I may be able to employ more soldiers for the service of the Emperor." It is well known that in an assembly of Emperor Jahangir an eccentric person (Dīwāna) said in full Dīwān, "Your Majesty, in your father's entourage there were heroes whom Shah Beg was not worthy to touch (to scratch the skin of). Now these courtiers standing here are not worthy to touch Shah Beg." He was a constant drinker. He used to say, "Let the flask be there. It does not matter if the world is not there." It is stated that he used to mix bhang, opium and Kūknār with wine, and drank the mixture which he named Chār

2 See op. cit., p. 97 where three sons and not two as in Maāthir account are mentioned.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, p. 397. Blochmann's translation of this passage is incorrect. His return to the Court and his weak constitution is recorded on p. 61 of Vol. II, in the account of the 13th year, and his leaving for Tatha (Sind; wrongly given as Patna in the text as pointed by Beveridge) on p. 81 in the 14th year.

Laghza<sup>1</sup> (Four delights), and he was, therefore, widely known as Shāh Bēg Khān Kōr (Blind) Chār Laghza Khōr. Of his sons Mīrzā Shāh Muḥammad, also known as Ghaznīn Khān, was an outstanding man, and one of the learned of the times. He rose to the rank of 1,000. Another. Ya'qūb Bēg, was the son-in-taw of Mīrzā Ja'far Āṣaf Khān; he had mean tastes and did not rise to distinction.

## SHAH BEG KHAN ÜZBEG

(Vol. II, pp. 665-667).

During the reign of Emperor Jahāngīr he was appointed to an office under the Crown and had the rank of 1,000 with 400 horse. In the 1st year of Shāh Jahān's reign he received the title of Khān², and was seconded to the force deputed to the pursuit of Jujhār Singh Bundēla under 'Abdullāh Khān Bahādur. In the 2nd year he was granted an increase of 500 foot with 200 horse³, and in the 3rd year he received⁴ a flag, and by the promotion his rank was⁵ advanced to 2,000 foot with 1,000 horse. Later he had an increase of 200 horse, and in the 4th year of another 300 horse, and in the 6th year his rank was increased⁵ to 2,000 foot with 2,000 horse. Later he was granted another promotion of 1,000 foot and 1,000 horse. In the 9th year he was appointed to the force sent to chastise Sāhū Bhōnsle, and to ravage the country of 'Ādil Khān in company with Khān Zamān; he had the command of the left wing⁵. After reaching Rāībāgh in the province of Bījāpūr he fought bravely, and killed and made pri-

<sup>1</sup> Blochmann has Bughrā in place of Laghzā. Bughrā is a well known dish invented by Bughrā Khān of Khwārazm, vide Steingass, p. 192.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshānāma, I, pt. i, p. 201.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 280, 281.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 305.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 306.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 472.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 543.

<sup>8</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p 160.

soners many of the enemy. In the 10th year he was promoted to the rank of 4,000 foot with 3,000 horse, and appointed Commandant of the fort of Junair. In the 15th year he received the gift of a drum, and was afterwards appointed Governor2 of Berar. In the 18th year he went to the Court, and did homage, apparently in the same year he was appointed Faujdar of Mewat, as the author of Badshahnama records that Shah Beg came<sup>3</sup> Mewat to the court in obedience to orders, and was deputed to accompany Prince Murad Bakhsh on the Balkh and Badakhshan campaign. In the 20th year he was appointed4 Commandant of Ghōrī in place of Ihtimām Khān, and gave proofs of his valour and brayery in repeated chastisements and fights with the independent Uzbegs and the rebel Almanan. In the 21st year he returned from Ghori and presented himself at the Court. As the Faujdari of Mēwāt had been taken from his charge in his absence, he was granted a robe of honour, assigned certain estates in Berar, and allowed to depart to the Deccan. In the 28th year he was appointed to the high office of the Commandant of the Ahmadnagar fort, but in the 20th year was removed from this charge. In the 30th year he accompanied Prince Muhamad Aurangzīb Bahādur for chastising Outb-ul-Mulk, the ruler of Haidarābād. After this expedition was over, he was appointed with some officers and a force of 3,000 cavalry to remain on the borders of the imperial territory till the end of the rains. After that when the times assumed another aspect, and the blue heavens added a new lustre to the affairs, the said Prince went off to the Court on the pretext of enquiring about his father's health. Shah Beg Khans was left behind as Faujdar of the outskirts of Aurangābād. Nothing further has come to light about his later career.

<sup>1</sup> Badshahnama, I, pt. ii, p. 234.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., II, p. 308.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 481.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sāliḥ II, p. 498.

<sup>5 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnama, p. 44.

## SHAH BUDAGH KHAN1

(Vol. II, pp. 536-539).

He was one of the Mīyānkāl Aimags of Samargand. Under Emperor Humayun he performed outstanding deeds and his services were recognized by his elevation to the rank of an Amīr. When the world was adorned by the rule of Emperor Akbar, he in recognition of his valuable services rendered in various combats against several powerful adversaries became a royal favourite and being admitted into the galaxy of distinguished officials received successive promotions which culminated in the rank of 3,000. In the 10th year he was2 deputed under Mir Mu'izz-ul-Mulk of Mashhad against Bahadur Khan Shaibani. When the engagement took place, the enemy attacked the centre, and many behaved ignominously and fled. Shāh Budāgh Khān did not lose courage, and launched an attack. After a hard struggle he fell from his horse and was taken prisoner. His son 'Abdul Matlab Khan did not keep up his fidelity, and joined the enemy3. In the 12th year when Shihab-ud-Din Ahmad Khan was ordered to put down the rebellious Mīrzās and clear the country as far as Mālwa from the dust of this disturbance, Shāh Budāgh Khān was sent4 with him. Later he was given the assignment of Sārangpūr<sup>5</sup>, and for a long time he kept the lamp of justice alight in Mandu. He died there. Inside the fort, on the south side near the wall of the fort, he built an imposing and strong edifice and gave it the name of Nilkanth. The following verse was inscribed on it.

r See Blochmann's translation of  $\bar{A}$ 'in, I (2nd edn.) p. 402, and his notes regarding Miyānkāl and Aimaqs.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnama, Text, II, p. 257, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 384.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, II, p. 262. translation, II, p. 391; Beveridge has wrongly rendered Maralib Khān in place of Marlab Khān.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, II, p. 313, translation, II, p. 462,

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, II, p. 331, translation, p. 485.

#### Verse

One could spend one's life here engaged with water<sup>1</sup> and clay, As perchance some pious soul may rest here a moment.

"Composed and inscribed by Shāh Budāgh." Under it Mīr Ma'ṣūm Bhakkarī whose nom-de-plume was Nāmī, inscribed in his own hand the following quatrain:—

### Quatrain

At early dawn I saw an owl perched
Upon the pinnacle of the tomb of Shirwān<sup>2</sup> Shāh.
Lamenting it uttered this warning:
"Where is all the splendour? Where all the grandeur?"

The building in question occupies a large space. In 1026 A.H. (1616 A.D.) when this territory was honoured by the visit of Emperor Jahāngīr³, the latter on several Friday nights went there with the ladies of his harem. In that year, by his order, delightful buildings were erected in Māndū, and the residences of former kings were repaired. The fort of Māndū lies on the top of a hill. Its circumference on measurement under the orders of Emperor Jahāngīr was found to be ten kos. In the Akharnāma⁴, however, the circumference is as given as twelve kos. Probably there was some variation in the scale of the cubit used. In old times Māndū was one of the great cities of the kingdom of Mālwa, and several of the rulers had it as their capital. To this day there are remains of the Ghōrī and Khaljī princes. There is a minaret of eight storeys which is built of stone;

- 1 Maṣrūf-i-āb-ū-gil: probably a reference to carrying on building operations.
- 2 Shirwan was the name of the country to the south of the Caspian Sea, the Medina of the ancient. It now forms a part of the Asiatic U.S.S.R. The famous poet Khaqani was a native of Shirwan.
- 3 Tuzuk-i-labāngīrī (Newal Kishore ed. 1900), pp. 180, 181, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 363-368.
  - 4 A'in-i-Akbari, Text, I, p. 456, Jarret's translation, II, pp. 196, 197.

it is very elegant and symmetrical. And there is a cupola of stone and mortar which is very lofty and is the tomb of Sultān Hūshang Ghōrī¹. Water trickles from its roof in hot weather. Simple people have long wondered at this phenomenon, and regard it as one of the miracles of the Sultān. Investigators, however, have found out the true nature of things. Evidently the moisture in the atmosphere in the tomb on contact with the stone is congealed into water, and the stone appears to sweat. There is another enclosure where the Khaljī princes are buried. When Emperor Jahāngīr learnt that Sultān Naṣīr-ud-Dīn² son of Sultān Ghiyāth-ud-Dīn Khaljī had for the greed of inheriting the kingdom poisoned his revered father, he ordered that his bones should be taken out (of the tomb) and thrown into the Narbadā. Except for some fragments of bones and some earthy scum nothing else was found.

## SHAHDAD KHAN KHWESHGI

(Vol, II, pp. 711-715).

His name was 'Abdur Raḥīm and he was the brother-in-law of Shams Khān, who while Fanjdār of the Bahat³ Dūāb (Jullundher) had several fights with the Sikhs, who at the time plundered at their ease every leading and influential person who opposed them. He was uniformly victorious, and at last suppressed them from one part of the country to the other (sir dar sir—hand over hand). Shahdād Khān was a man without means and position; he was also not of any distinguished lineage. In the reign of Emperor Bahādur Shāh he was appointed to the rank of 500, granted the title of Shahdād Khān, and was deputed to serve under Qut-ud-Dīn Khān, the uncle of Shams Khān who was carrying out operations in the Fanjdārī of Jammū. When that Khān⁴ was killed by the oppressed Gurū (Bandā Bahādur)

<sup>1</sup> For his account see Tabaqāt-i-Akbari, Text, III, pp. 289-307, De & Prashad's translation, III, pt. ii, pp. 468-491.

<sup>2</sup> Tabaqāt-i-Akbarī, Text, III, pp. 358-375; translation, III, pt. ii, pp. 553-574. For Māndū see also G. Yazdani's very detailed Monograph.

<sup>3</sup> Text Tatta, but it is the Bahat Duab or Jullundhur Duab in the Panjab.

<sup>4</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, p. 130.

Shahdād Khān exerted himself zealously in the cause of the imperialists till the arrival of another Governor, and made himself a man of means. When 'Abdus Samad Khān Dilēr Jang was appointed Governor of the Lāhōre province, he had a small force and was apprehensive of 'Īsā Khān Munj¹—who was behaving insolently on the roads. Shahdād Khān fortunately, through divine inspiration, advanced from Qaṣūr with a force and by his timely arrival and acting in concord rendered valuable service. Later as Fanjdār of Lakhī Jangal he became famous and well known.

As Diler Jang was dissatisfied with 'Isa Khan Munj-who acted in the territory between the rivers Sutley and Beas, as if he were the sole authority, and was ruling over this territory with great tyrannyhe, after disposing off the affair of the Guru, appointed Shahdad Khan to the Faujdari of the Duab and sent him to punish that unjust usurp-Shahdad Khan actively engaged himself in enlisting troops, and when a force of recruits2 was collected, he, because of the lack of funds and limited supplies, was apprehensive lest this body might not start quarreling among themselves, and so hastening forward started a fight near Tihārā (on the southern bank of the Sutlei River). When the landlord came to the field of battle—there ensued the shooting of bullets and smiting with scimetars on an extensive scale. The freshly hired recruits of Shahdad Khan fled, and Isa Khan pursued them hard. The two leaders coming face to face attacked each other, and although Shahdad Khan caught hold of 'Isa Khan's sword, his fingers were severed, and meanwhile the arrows of the Afghan bodyguard of Shahdad Khan-who were round his elephant, made an end of the self-respecting 'Isa Khan. They cut off his head and his camp was plundered. As Shahdad Khan, owing to his wounds and having to attend to his wounded followers. could not move rapidly, he was only able to reach the Kot, as the residence of the tribe was generally

r Momand in Khāfi Khān, II, p. 767.

<sup>2</sup> Siyāb'i fālez in text should siphā'i-fālez see Irvine Army of Indian Moghuls, meaning "soldiers of the melon bed" or raw recruits.

known. Meanwhile the free booters of the neighbourhood-who also belonged to the same tribe-had plundered his belongings and carried away all the cash. The goods fell into Shahdad Khan's hands. He sent a part to Lahore, and despatched the rest to his home. Diler Jang became angry, and sent for the lists, and by his investigations forced them to produce all the goods of the deceased. Shahdad Khan, on the pretext that the property might be plundered en route, followed it. He appointed caretakers and took up his quarters in Dārā Shikōh's buildings (at Lāhōre). From hunger and lack of supplies by the shop-keepers whosoever was reached by his hand went. to his destruction. Though Diler Jang used threats and put on an angry countenance, Shahdad Khan did not give way in the least. At last he sent for troops from his assignment, and a body of men from his home, beat his drums and went off to Qaşūr. At first Diler Jang thought of punishing him, but later realizing that this would result in harm, he restrained himself, and swallowing his annoyance took refuge in patience.

It so happened that Mir Jumla, who had incurred the displeasure of the Emperor Farrukh Siyar, was banished to I ahore. After some time he was recalled to the Court. As he was fully apprised of the courage and bravery of Shahdad Khan, he sent for him, and made him accompany him to the Capital. At the time of presentation to the Emperor, he spoke in praise of Shahdad Khan more than was proper, but even this did not result in the latter gaining favour with the Emperor; he did not receive recognition or honour, and luck did not seem to favour him. Later, Qutb-ul-Mulk interceded for him, and he received an important rank, and was deputed to escort the treasure from Bengal. At this time, Husain Khan Khweshgi was killed. But even after he had brought the treasure, the ray of favour did not shine upon him, and he fell into want and poverty. In this crisis also he did not disperse his followers. When the Amīr-ul-Umarā was killed, Qutb-ul-Mulk again cherished him, and conciliated him with gifts of money. Later, when his prosperity increased, he became apprehensive of the Khan Dauran-who had been

promoted to the highest rank in the State—on account of his having killed 'Isā Khān Muni who was stated to have been connected with the Khan Dauran. Through his great good fortune, however, the Khān Daurān became his patron, and in the reign of Emperor Muhammad Shāh his rank was advanced, and he was appointed Faujdar of Hansi and Hissar-which had long been a hot bed of strife, and had got out of hand owing to the downfall of the sovereignty. The brave Shahdad Khan exerted himself to attack and crush the rebels and the troublesome elements in the area. well known that in Hissar he sacrificed all of his men of Qasur. Many of his relations and tribesmen were killed in the campaign of Garhi in the constant fighting day and night. But he was successful in establishing his power, and his greatness was so generally accepted as had seldom been the case in earlier times. When he had finished settling the country, he went to the Court, and by the favour of that great official (Khan Dauran) was promoted to the rank of 6,000, and granted a fringed palanquin. He lost his life in the battle with Nadir Shah along with that eminent man'. His sons attained high rank, and received valuable assignments, and were prosperous at the time when this notice was written.

# (KHWĀJA) SHĀH MANṢŪR² SHĪRĀZĪ (Vol. I, pp. 653-659).

At first he was in the service of Emperor Akbar, and was the Accountant of the Perfumery department. Muzaffar Khān, the Dīwān, became displeased with him and interfered in his work. One day

I Amīr-ul-Umarā Ṣamṣam-ud-Daulāh Khwāja Ā'zam was killed in the battle against Nādir Shāh. For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 819-825, Beveridge and Prashad's translation, I, pp. 775-778. Shahdād Khān is also mentioned as one of the officers killed in the battle against Nādir Shāh, see Irvine Later Mughals, II, p. 349.

<sup>2</sup> In Blochmann's translation of  $\bar{A}'in$ , I (2nd edition), pp. 475-477, there is a good account of Shah Mansur based mainly on Maatbir.

he had a verbal altercation with Muzaffar Khan, and realizing the critical nature of the situation retired from his post. As he was out of employment he went to Jaunpur. Owing to his sterling qualities he was appointed there as the Diwan of Khan Zaman. After that he allied himself with Mun'im Khan Khan Khanan, and undertook the management of all his affairs. When the Viceroy died, Raja Todar Mal imprisoned and put him in chains while the accounts were being examined. As during the period of his appointment as the Diwan of Khan Khanan he had visited the Court to transact business, and his knowledge and skill had become known to Emperor Akbar, he without anyone's intercession became in the 21st year, 983 A.H. (1575-76 A.D.) the recipient of favours, and was exalted to the position of the Vazīr1. The Khwāja through his correct understanding and penetrating intellect greatly improved the administration, and cleared up outstanding matters. The standing orders were that every year some skilful and honest officers should be appointed to report on the details of each district and Pargana; and on this basis year by year a dastur-ul-'Amal (general statement) of the annual dues was prepared from these reports. As, however, the boundaries of the empire were greatly extended by annexation of freshly conquered territories. it became difficult to follow this procedure Owing to the delay in the receipt of the necessary papers both the soldiery and the peasantry suffered serious hardships, and a commotion resulted from excessive realizations of the arrear dues, nor could equitable rates be fixed. Accordingly in the 24th year the Khwaja assessed the condition of each Pargana in respect of cultivation and value of produce, and fixed tenth part of it as the revenue for each year; he also had proper accounts prepared. In the same year, in accordance with the Khwaja's recommendations, the wide domains of India—which did not include Orissa, Kashmir, Sind, and the Deccan which had not been conquered so far-were divided into twelve

<sup>1</sup> Based on Akbarnama, Text, III, pp. 193, 194, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 273, 274. He was appointed Vazir on 14th Aban.

provinces. Each province was designated a Sūbah, and had as officers a Sipāh sālār, a Dīvān, a Bakhshī, a Mīr-ʿĀdal, a Sardār Kōtwāl, a Mīr Baḥr and a Waqia Navīs¹.

As the Khwaja excelled in astuteness, knowledge, effecting economies, and strict observance of rules and regulations, he in the 25th year issued full demands for the realization of arrears and resumptions. Inasmuch as the climate of Bengal was very injurious to horses, the allowances of the cavalry there had been doubled, while those in Bihar had been granted a 50% increase. The Khwaja in spite of his astuteness and deep understanding did not realize the significance of the prevailing conditions, and out of presumption did not differentiate between peace conditions and seasons of stress and storm, nor did he understand that at the time—when the soldiers were jeopardising their lives in a distant land—it was most desirable and proper to behave in a considerate and very liberal manner by increasing the allowances rather than reducing them. He reduced the Bengal allowances to 50% and Bihar ones to 20% and issued orders to Muzaffar Khan to recover the excess payments. This officer, who from a civilian appointment had risen to the rank of the Commander-in-Chief of the army, made up the accounts from the beginning of the year, and demanded repayment of the extra amounts. The Bihar and Bengal officers chose the path of disloyalty on receiving these ill-timed demands, and raised the head of sedition2. What rebellions did not take place, what blood was not shed? Raja Todar Mal-who on account of rivalry and of his being in the same line—had been waiting for such an opportunity, represented that while the Vazīr should guard the finances honestly and jealously, it was also his duty to keep an eye on the interests of the servants, and not to ignore the prevailing conditions.

<sup>1</sup> Based on Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 282, 283, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 412-414. For list of the 12 Sübahs see Jarret's translation of A'in, II, p. 113; and for the Ten years' Settlement, p. 88.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 292, 293, Beveridge's translation, pp. 432, 533, note 3.

In his administration he must follow a middle course between harshness and laxity. He should not behave merely like an accountant who because of his narrow vision can think only of demanding arrears and increasing the revenues.

It appears from the Tahaqāt1 that Rāja Todar Mal had represented from the Eastern provinces that he had been able to keep Mā'sum Khān Farrankhudī with him by various expedients and conciliatory measures, but that Khwaja Shah Mansur had written harsh letters to him, and had made him liable for payment of a large sum of arrears. He had treated Tarsun Muhammand Khan—who was one of the chief officials and the Commander-in-Chief-similarly. At such a time, when it would be politic to inspire a hundred hopes, what was the necessity for using threats? Accordingly the Emperor removed the Khwaja from his office, and put him for some days under the charge of Shah Quli But as his loyalty and zeal (Dimāghsozī, literally brain-Mahram<sup>2</sup>. burning) had impressed themselves upon the Emperor, he was again granted a khil'at, and appointed to the high office of the Vazīr3. By chance, in the same year Mîrzā Muhammad Hakīm at the instigation of Ma'sum Aasi-who was the head of the rebels of Bihar and Bengal -came from Kābul, and stirred up strife in the Panjāb. Emperor Akbar resolved to proceed in that direction. Evil-minded persons produced some parwanas (orders) in the hand-writing of Mīrzā Munshī, addressed to the Khwaja, and made the Emperor suspicious of his siding with the enemy. As fate would have it, Mulük Thani-who was an old servant of the Mīrzā and his Dīvān and had the title of Wazīr Khān-at this juncture left his master, and waited upon the Emperor at Sonepat. On account of old connections he alighted at the Khwaja's quarters. As it was rumoured that he had come as a spy—and it was thought at the time that when the Mīrzā was intent

<sup>1</sup> Tabaqāt-i-Akbarī, De's Text, II, pp. 354, 355, De's translation, II, pp. 539, 540.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 315, 316, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 461, 462.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 327, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 480.

on the conquest of India, separating Mulūk Thani from himself and sending him (to the Royal Court) could not but be the part of a plotthe earlier suspicions gained credit. And after some enquiries the Khwaja became the object of suspicion. At this stage forged letters of the Khwaja to Mīrzā Hakīm were placed before the Emperor. A letter from Sharaf Beg his collector, received about this time, on being opened was found to have the following statement in it: "I waited upon Farīdūn Khān, the maternal uncle of the Mīrzā, and he took me to pay my respects to him. Though collectors were appointed to all the (other) Parganas, our Parganas were left untouched". It is stated that the Emperor was still perplexed about the affair, but the officers and nobles exerted themselves, and so an order was passed that he should be imprisoned until he could give security. As no one dated to offer a bail for him, he was hanged from a tree near Sera'ī Kot Khājūh. Thānī Mansūr Hallāj—another Mansūr Hallāj (a famous martyr) was the chronogram (989 A.H.; 1581 A,D.)1. A whole world of Turks and Tajiks made merry on being relieved from the severe infliction of his settling the dues. It is stated that after the flight of Mirza Hakim, and when the Emperor reached Kābul, though further enquiries were made into the case of Shah Mansur, no trace of evidence against him was found. It has further been stated that Karam Ullah, brother of Shahbaz Khan Kambu, had forged the letters at the instigation of certain officers particularly Raja Todar Mal. Emperor Akbar was greatly grieved at the unmerited sentence of death and at the loss of such a capable officer, and used to remark: "From the day that the Khwāja has died, realizations have diminished and the Accountant's office has got out of hand." Such an accountant and so acute a financier is rarely to be found. He had attained the rank of 1,000. For four years he carried out the affairs of Vazīrship with firmness and efficacy.

## Reflections

It is an old rule that whenever a sovereign is engaged in business

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 342-344, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 501-504, and his detailed note on pp. 504-505 about Shāh Manşūr's death.

there is less judgment and apprehension of affairs. Though the prominent officials may carry out their duties efficiently, they are not free from motives of self-interest. Out of envy they often misrepresented the loyal and truthful, and lie in wait for their very lives. Stranger still, he, who, is proud of his honesty, does not care for this man or that, and rests assured of a false sense of security and carelessness. Soon he experiences, what God forbid! anyone should experience. World's great projects cannot be carried on without laxity and forbearance. Rather, it often happens that noble deeds are ruined through the absence of tact and humility.

#### Hemistich

The world is severe to the severe.

Hence it has been said that worldly men rest on two feet: Truth and Falsehood. It is not possible to stand on either foot. By one foot they proceed with minute calculations and enquiries into the essence of things, and with the other they as job-hunters and seekers after advancement are self seeking and deceivers, and in trying to attain profit and fame they have recourse to severe measures and are harsh to the general public—who are a wondrous trust committed to them by the Almighty—being solely solicitous of pleasing their master. Assuredly, the strong hands of Destiny will quickly prepare a restitution for their evil thoughts and deeds, and make them the object of anger with the very master and cause them to be punished by him.

## Verses2

Be not severe in the world's affairs!
For every oppressor has a harsh overlord.
Beware of causing grief to the weak,
Remember the severity of Fate.

- r The word دنیا here presumably means worldly men, or perhaps men in general.
- 2 See Beveridge in his translation of Akbarnāma, III, p. 503, for a different rendering of these verses.

## SHAH MUḤAMMAD <u>KH</u>AN QILATI (Vol. II, pp. 542-553).

Oilāt1 is a fort in the district of Qandahār in the Hazārajāt territory. According to correct etymology it should be written with K, but it has come to be pronounced with a Q. Shāh Muhammad² was a servant of Bairam Khan, and was trusted by him on account of his good judgment and loyalty. When Emperor Humayun set forth to reconquer India, Bairam Khan, who held Qandahar in fief, left it in-charge of Shah Muhammad; and he carried on the government of the place with great care. When Bahadur Khan Shaibani, the brother of Khan Zaman, who was Governor of Zamin Dawar, conceived the idea of capturing Qandahar, he by treachery collected a force of men and waited for a suitable opportunity. Shah Muhammad got news of this, and capitally punished this crowd3. Bahadur Khān, when this plan miscarried, hurriedly retired to Zamīn Dāwar. and collecting troops prepared for fighting. As Shah Muhammad considered arrival of reinforcements from India a remote possibility, he appealed to Shah Tahmasp Safavi, the ruler of Iran. He wrote that Humāyūn had arranged with the Shāh that he would deliver up Qandahar to the Shah's representatives after the conquest of India. It was now opportune for the Shah to send a force so that Bahadur Khan might be checked and Qandahar taken possession of. The Shah sent 3,000 Turkaman troopers from the fiels of Sistan, Farah and Garmsir

- 1 This is apparently Khilāt, a fort some 85 miles east of Qandahār, and generally known as Khilat-i-Ghilzi, Kilat-i-Ghilgi in Erskine, *History of India*, I, p. 229, note. It is not the Kalat in Baluchistan.
- 2 For Shāh Muḥammad see also A'īn, I, Blochmann's translation (2nd edition), pp. 448, 449. The Maāthir account is based on Akharnāma, II, Text, p. 53, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 82, 83. Shāh Muḥammad's name in that work is Shāh Muḥammad Qandahāri.
- 3 This passage in the text is very involved, but for a detailed account of the plot and the punishment of the malcontents, see Akbarnāma, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 82, 83.

under the command of 'Alī Yār Bēg Afshār. Bahādur Khān had no inkling of this force. He fell suddenly upon him, and a severe engagement took place in which at last Bahādur Khān was put to flight without having achieved anything. He also could not abide in Zamīn Dāwar and even in the neighbouring territory. Full of repentance he took the road to India. Shāh Muḥammad showed civilities to the auxiliary force but made excuses for not handing over the fortress and dismissed the (Irānian) troops empty handed.

When the Shah of Iran heard that Shah Muhammad Qilati had not stuck to his engagements, he sent his nephew Sultan Husain Mīrzā<sup>1</sup>, son of Bahrām Mīrzā, Husain Bēg Īchak Ōghlī Istājlū Lōla (guardian), and Walī Khalīfa Shāmlū to capture Qandahār. Shāh Muhammad took proper steps for defending the fort. When the siege was protracted, Sultan Husain Mīrzā became disgusted and raised the siege. The Shah was displeased, and sent back the Mīrza with 'Alī Sultān, the Governor of Shīrāz, to take the fort by every means in their power. 'Alī Sultān, who had boasted about this enterprise, made great attempts for reducing the fort, but was sent to the other world by a bullet. Thereafter a discord developed amongst the Iranian troops, and as the Mirza could neither return nor carry on, he passed his time staying outside the fort. When the news reached Emperor Akbar from the reports of Shah Muhammad, he wrote2 back in reply that Humāyūn used to say that when India had been reconquered, Qandahār would be handed back to the Shāh. It was not proper, therefore, that Shah Muhammad should have gone to war with the Iranians and brought the matter to such an extremity. It was now proper that he should make over the fort to the Shah's servants, and come back to India after rendering apologies (to the Shah).

I See Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 78, 79; Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 120, 121. The account is materially different from the version in Iskandar Mirza's Tarikh 'Ālam Ārā's 'Abbāsi (Lith. edn.), p. 70.

<sup>2</sup> Ahbarnāma, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 121.

The account by the author of the 'Alam Ara'i' is totally different from this version. He writes that, in the first instance, the Shah of Persia at the request of Shah Muhammd Qilati sent Sultan Husain Mīrzā with Walī Khālifa Shāmlū to assist him. When Shāh Vardī, son of Khalīfa Shāmlū, with a force fell unexpectedly on Bahādur Khān, and drove him off, Shah Muhammad fraudulently retained possession of the fort. The Iranian officials took possession of Zamin Dawar, and sent an account of the circumstances to the Shah. In 965 A.H. (1558 A.D.) the Shah appointed 'Alī Sultan II Öghlī Dhulqadar with a well equipped army to take Qandahar. He appointed to the chief command Sultan Husain Mīrzā. Shah Muhammad Qilatī defended the fort for six months, but when no reinforcements arrived from any source, he asked for quarter, and having arranged for terms and guarantees, handed over the fort and went away to India. It is probable that both the Iranians and Indian authors have been partial in their accounts.2 A careful review alone would establish the veracity of the records.

In short, Shāh Muḥammad Qilātī came to the Court in the end of the 3rd year, and was received with princely favours; he was appointed to the rank of 2,000 and granted the title of Khān. In the 12th year, he was appointed to the government of the fort of Kōtah³, and this office was the source of ensuring for him a luxurious life. In the 17th year, when Khān Ā'zam Kōka fought a battle with Muḥammad Ḥusain Mīrzā in the territory of Gujarāt, Shāh Muḥammad, who was in the left wing, was wounded⁴, and had to retire to Aḥmadābād. His son 'Ādil Khān was at first appointed with Adham Khān Kōka to the Mālwa Expedition. Afterwards, he was deputed with Muḥammad Quli Khān Barlās against Iskandar Khān Ūzbeg, who had raised his rebellious standards in Oudh. He

I Tarikh "Alam Ara'i 'Abbasi (L'th. edn.), p. 70 et seq.

<sup>2</sup> The version in Tarikh 'Alam Ara'i 'Abbāsi is more likely to be correct as Akbar would not voluntarily have agreed to surrender the fort.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnama, Text, II. p. 303, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 444

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnama, Text, I, p. 25, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 34.

did good service in the siege of Chittor. In the beginning of the 13th year, one day Emperor Akbar went for a tiger hunt. He wounded it with an arrow, but the infuriated tiger started to advance. The Emperor was waiting for an opportunity to discharge another arrow at him, but the tiger would not move towards him. Dastam Khan was, therefore, ordered to advance and draw the tiger towards himself. 'Adil Khan, who was under a cloud in those days, thought that general permission had been granted (to advance), and went forward with his bow and arrows. Unfortunately the arrow, which he shot, missed, but he attacked the tiger. He pushed his left hand into the tiger's mouth, and put his other hand on his dagger. The dagger stuck to the scabbard, and while he was trying to release it, the tiger gnawed his hand. At last, however, he drew the dagger, and inflicted two wounds on the tiger's mouth. The tiger seized his right hand with his mouth. Meanwhile other men arrived, and killed the tiger with their swords. In the melee 'Adil Khan was wounded. He lay ill for four months on a bed of pain till he died.

It is stated that he had become enamoured of the wife of his father's Dīvān. She being a chaste lady would not yield to him. His father bade him desist from his nefarious purpose, and gave him good advice. On this account, one day becoming enraged with his father, he struck him with his sword. Good God! what stone-heartedness and what inhumanity! For a branch to quarrel with the trunk is to strike one's own foot with an axe! And to fail in respect of one's parents is to cast oneself into the well of baseness!

## Verse

Be not heedless of retribution for your deeds! Wheat is grown from wheat, barley from barley!

His second son was Qiyam Khan, who received the title of Khan

I The accounts of the tiger hunt and Adham Khān's conduct are taken almost verbatim from Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 328, 329, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 483.

during the reign of Emperor Jahangir, and was for long a Qarawal (Scout and huntsman).

Let it not be forgotten that of old the Qandahar fort has been a subject of contention between the great Safavi dynasty on the one hand and the sublime Timurids on the other. Sometimes it was under the control of the former, while at others officers of the latter managed Inasmuch as Emperor Babur conquered it from the Arghuns, there can be no doubt that it appertained to the Chaghta'i family. On the other hand as in earlier times, it was under the rulers of Khurāsān, and Emperor Humāyūn had promised the Shāh of Irān to present it to him, if the Şafavı rulers laid claims to it, their demand was valid. But the wise men of old have regarded Kābul and Qandahar as the two gateways of india-for one leads on to the route to Turan, and the other to Iran-and only by guarding these two can the extensive territory of India be protected against foreign aggression. Consequently, it is but right and proper that the gates should pertain to the master of the House. Especially if Kabul be in the hands of the kings of India, so also should Qandahar be. All this depends on the master of the House being strong and vigilant. Carelessness in this respect would result in neither the Home nor the appurtenances remaining under his control. Accordingly it came to pass that the Shāhinshāh of the Age, Nādir Shāh, converted these two into one and so came on to Delhi, and succeeded as he did

Although the vicissitudes of Qandahār have been described in this work wherever it was appropriate to do so, yet we shall include here a summary. The territory of Qandahār was during the time of Sulṭān Ḥusain Mīrzā, the ruler of Khurāsān, and his son, Badī'-uz-Zamān, in the possession of Amīr Dhū-un-Nūn Arghūn and of his father Shujā' Bēg. When the Mīrzā died, and his family was extirpated after Khurāsān passed into the hands of Shaibānī Khān Ūzbeg, Shujā' Bēg submitted to the latter and was graciously received. In the same year, Bābur led an army against Qandahār, and taking it from the Arghūns made it over to his brother Nāṣir Mīrzā, and himself returned to Kābul. When Shaibānī Khān heard of it, he attacked Qanda-

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har, and after a siege of some days, Nasir Mīrza abandoned it to him. Shaibani Khan having restored it to the Arghuns returned. When, after him, Khurāsān came into the possession of Shāh Ismā'īl Safavī, Shuja' Beg offered allegiance to him, and was on terms of cordiality with the Beglar Begi of Herat. Later Babur again came and besieged Shujā' Bēg appealed for help to Durwesh Khan Shamlū, the Beglar Begi of Herat. He represented to Babur that Shuja' Beg was a servant of the Shah, and that the preservation of friendship between Babur and the Shah depended upon the former not interfering with Shujā Bēg in any way. Thereupon Bābur withdrew to Kābul. Shujā Bēg left a trusted agent by the name of Mulla Baqī at Qandahar, and went off to Khurasan. That trusted agent, however, was not worthy of the trust, and delivered the territory to Babur; and the latter entrusted it to his son Mīrzā Kāmrān. Later in 941 A.H. (1534-35 A.D.) during the reign of Shah Tahmasp, Sam Mīrza the brother of the Shah without the permission or acquiescence of the Shah, advanced to Qandahār in company with Aghuzīwar Khān Shāmlū, who was the Beglar Begi of Khurasan and the guardian of the Mirza. Khwāja Kalān Bēg, who was one of Bābur's officers and was holding Qandahār on behalf of Mīrzā Kāmrān, defended the fortress for eight Meanwhile Mīrzā Kāmrān hastened from Lāhore with 20,000 cavalry, and fought a battle with Sam Mirza. Aghuziwar Khān was taken a prisoner and put to death, and Sām Mīrzā went back defeated2. Mīrzā Kāmrān left Khwāja Kalān Bēg in-charge and returned to Lähöre. In 943 A.H. (1536-37 A.D.) when Shah

This and the account of Qandahār generally is based on Tārikh 'Alam Ārā'i 'Abbāsī, edn. cited, p. 69. but the year in which Bābur was prevailed upon by Durwēsh Khān to refrain from attacking Qandahār is not mentioned there. Presumably it was during Ismā'il's reign, but Ismā'il died in 930 A.H. (1524 A.D.) and it may be that Bābur's attack on Qandahār and its subsequent surrender by Mullā Bāqī took place early in Ṭahmāsp's reign. According to the account in Erskine's History of India, I, p. 355, which is based on Tārikh-i-Sind, Shujā' Bēg surrendered Qandahār to Bābur in 1522 A.D. in Ismā'il's reign.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 135, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 307. also see Tārikh-i-Rashīdī (Ross & Elias's translation), p. 468.

Tahmasp came for the sixth time to Khurasan to put down the disturbance caused by Ubaid Khan Uzbeg. He, inasmuch as a high official of the Iranians had been slain along with a large number of his followers, out of indignation and ardour personally came to Qandahar. Khwaja Kalan Beg put in order all the magazines of the wardrobe, pantry, etc., and sent the keys to the Shan. He further sent word that he had not the means of defending the fort or of giving battle, nor could he consistently with loyalty wait upon the Shah. He had, therefore, considered it right to put the magazines in order, and placing these at the disposal of the guest himself withdrew from the The Shāh appointed Budāgh Khān Qājār as the Governor of the fort, and returned to Iran. When Khwaja Kalan returned to Lāhōre by way of Ūchh, Mīrzā Kāmrān did not allow him for a month to present himself. He said, "Why could you not defend the place till I came". He again marched to Qandahar, and besieged it. As Budagh Khan saw that no help could reach him from the Shah, who had gone to Adharbaijan and was engaged in fighting with the Sultan of Turkey, he asked for quarter, and retired to Iran. The Mirza again strengthened Qandahar, and returned to Lahore. When the Chaghtais were driven out of India by the Afghāns, Mīrzā Kāmrān hastened back to Kābul, and Mīrzā Hindal separating from Humayun took possession of Qandahar. Mīrzā Kāmtān again collected an army, and besieged the fort for six months. Mīrzā Hindal was forced, owing to the running short of provisions, to come to terms, and made over the fort to him. Mīrzā Kämrän gave over Qandahar to Mīrzā 'Askarī, his second brother, and hastened back to Kābul<sup>1</sup>. When in the year 951 A.H. (1544 A.D.) Humāyūn went over to Irān to ask help from the Shāh, he promised that whenever he took Qandahar, he would make it over to the Shah's servants. Accordingly, when Qandahar was first conquered by him, he made it over to Budagh Khan Qajar, who was the commander of the Iranian contingent, and guardian of Sultan Murad Mīrza. But

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 200; Beveridge's translation, I, p. 408,

Humāyūn's affairs had not yet been settled, and as there was no asylum for the families of the Chaghtai officers, so Qandahar was taken back from the Iranians and Bairam Khan-who was a well-wisher of both parties—was given charge of it1. For many years Humāyūn had no peace on account of contentions with Mīrzā Kāmrān in Kābul and Badakhshān, while after the reconquest of India he had no leisure to fulfil his promise to the Shah. At last in Emperor Akbar's time, as has been narrated above, Shah Muhammad Khan Qilati moved in the matter, and by the orders of the Shah of Iran, Qandahar was made over to Sultan Husain Mīrzā. For more than thirty seven years it was in his and his children's possession. In 1003 A.H. (1595 A.D), and in the 40th year of Emperor Akbar's reign, his eldest son Muzaffar Husain made it over to the royal servants2, and took up service under the Crown in India. In 1031 A.H. (1622 A.D.), the 17th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign, Shah 'Abbas I besieged' it for forty days, and took it from Khwaja 'Abdul 'Azīz Naqshbandī, who showed extreme lack of courage in defending it. Again in the 11th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign, 1047 A.H. (1637-38 A.D.), 'Alī Mardan Khān Zīg becoming alarmed, on account of the wrath and cruelty of Shah Şafi Şafavī, and the insouciance of the Iranians, turned to the Emperor Shah Jahan, and made over4 the fort to his officers. Later, Shāh 'Abbās II in the 22nd year of Shāh Jāhān's reign, came with an army and besieged Qandahar for two months. Accordingly Mirza 'Abdul Qadir of Tun has written in connection with this expedition.

r For a detailed account of the conquest of Qandahār by Humāyūn see Akbarnāma, Text, I. pp. 229-241, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 459-475.

2 Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp.668, 669; Beyeridge's translation, III, p. 1026.

3 Tūzuk-i-lahāngiri, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, II, p. 233. For an account of the siege of Qandahār see Beni Prasad, History of Jahangir, pp. 342, 350. The duration of the siege is stated there as 45 and not 40 days.

4 For a detailed account see Banarsi Prasad Saksena's History of Shahjahan, pp. 215-217. The fort was made over on 28th February, 1638

5 See History of Shahjahan, pp. 224, 225. The fort was occupied by the Persians on 11th February, 1649.

#### Verse

From above and below the fort it appeared As if the Iranians were fire, and the Indians smoke.

At last Khwāṣ Khān the Qil'adār capitulated, and went back to India. From that time till the beginning of Emperor Bahādur Shāh's reign Qandahār was in the possession of Irānians. When the Irānian Kingdom became weaker, Mīr Awais 'Abdālī—who had charge of Qandahār under the Shāh—got possession of the fort, and sending the keys to Emperor Bahādur Shāh requested for appointment to a Manṣab, as has been detailed in his biography. After that it came into the hands of the Shāhinshāh (Nādir Shāh). It is stated that at present Qandahār has assumed fresh splendour owing to the interest of that powerful monarch, and that in the neighbourhood of the fort a town has been founded and named Nādirābād.

Qandahār¹ is an extensive territory, and belongs to the third clime. Its length from Qilāt Banjārah to Ghōr and Gharjistān (in Khurāsān) is 300 kos, and its breadth from Sind to Fārah 260 kos. Its boundaries are in the East Sind, in the West Fārah, in the Northwest Ghōr and Gharjistān, to the North-east Kābul and Ghaznīn, in the South Sīwī (Sēhwan). The fort of Qandahār is famous throughout the world for its impregnability. Its longitude is 107° 40" and its latitude 33°. Most of its inhabitants are Afghāns, Balūchīs and 'Abdālīs. It consists of 24 Maḥals (parganas), and the revenue is computed at seven krors of dāms; this is equal to the revenues of Balkh and Badakhshān.

I Based on  $\bar{A}$ 'in, see Jarrett's translation, III, p. 68, where the longitude is given as 107° 50′ and the latitude as 38° 2′; 38 is apparently a printer's error for 33, as it is in the Text (II, p. 36). The correct latitude of Qandahār is 31° 37′ N. and the longitude from Greenwich 65° 30′ E.

# SHĀH NAWAZ <u>KH</u>ĀN BAHĀDUR MĪRZĀ ĪRAJ (Vol. II, pp. 645-648).

He was a worthy heir of Khan Khanan Mirza 'Abdur Rahim'. In his early youth he was called the young Khan Khanan. He was the distinguished of the age for his bravery, valour and military skill. In the 40th year of Emperor Akbar's reign, he was appointed to the rank of 400. In the 47th year corresponding to 1010 A.H. (1601 A.D.), he raised the standard of victory and greatness as a result of fighting with Malik 'Ambar Habshī near Nāndair, and was rewarded with the title of Bahadur2. It is stated that in this battle when both sides disregarded personal safety in their brave attempts, the Mīrzā performed feats which caused the stories of Rustum and Isfandiyar to be forgotten. Malik 'Ambar, who was carried off wounded from the battlefield, from that day became so terrified that he had an interview with the Khān Khānān, and made peace. In Emperor Jahāngīt's time Shāh Nawāz Khān was appointed Governor of Berār, and the Balāghāt Ahmadnagar. His noble deeds in this capacity are more numerous than can be narrated in these pages. Especially the Khirki masterpiece, which was a great battle in the 10th year of Jahangir's reign, 1024 A.H. (1615 A.D.). After Shah Nawaz Khan had established himself in Balapur Berar, some of the Deccan leaders, such as Adam Khān, Ya'qūt Khān and Malūjī Kāntih being annoyed with Malik 'Ambar, made a compact with Shāh Nawaz Khān, and urged him to give battle to Malik 'Ambar. Shah Nawaz behaved politely and cordially, and having given them money and goods started them off, and himself marched out. Before the battle with Malik 'Ambar, Mahaldar Khan, Atish Khan, Dilawar Khan and other leaders of the Nizām-ul-Mulk engaged Shāh Nawaz, and after defeat fled and

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 693-713, Beveridge's translation, I. pp. 50-65.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 815, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1223. He was granted the title of Shāh Nawāz Khān in the 6th year of Jahāngīr's reign, see Tūzuk i-Jahāngīrī, Rogers and Beveridge's translation, I, p. 197.

joined Malik 'Ambar. He with a large force, abundant artillery and many warlike elephants, and the combined forces of 'Adil Shāh and Qutb Shah came forward to seek battle. When he was within five or six kos of the army, Ya'qūb Khān Badakhshī-who was an old and experienced soldier, and whom the Khan Khanan had placed in-charge of the Mīrzā-in conjunction with Muhammad Khān Niyazī fixed the battlefield at a place which had a stream in front. They strengthened it with expert marksmen. As soon as the enemy's cavalry, which consisted of young men trained by Malik 'Ambar, galloped to the river bank, the marksmen on the other side fired at them and killed many men and horses. After that Darab Khan with the heroes of the vanguard and other brave men crossed the stream and attacked the enemy. As Malik 'Ambar stood firm in the centre, the flame of fighting shone for a long time. There were heaps of dead bodies. It is stated that Shah Nawaz Khan did wonderful deeds on that day. He fell like a raging tiger on the enemy, whichever side he turned he dispersed them like the stars of the Great Bear. Malik 'Ambar losing heart had to withdraw, and the Mīrzā, who pursued him for three kos, slew many of the fugitives. Owing to the darkness of the night and the fatigue of his men he returned. A large number of the enemy's officers, artillery, elephants, and goods fell into his hands. Next day he went to Khirki-at a distance of five kos from Daulatābād and now known as Aurangābād -which was the residence of Malik 'Ambar. As no sign of the enemy was found there, he burned the houses and gardens, and levelled them to the ground. From there he went by the pass of Röhinkhēra to Bālāpūr<sup>1</sup>. All the Amīrs, who accompanied him, were promoted by the Emperor, and he was granted the high rank of 50002. Emperor Jahangir, who was in Ajmer at the time, returned thanks for the victory by going on foot to the shrine of Mu'in-ud-Din Chishti, and offering money and food.

<sup>1</sup> The account is taken almost verbatim from Tuzuk-i-lahangiri, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 312-314.

<sup>2</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jabangeri, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, II, p. 5.

When in the 12th year Malik 'Ambar, through the exertions of Prince Shāh Jahān, handed back the imperial territories, which he had taken possession of, and made over the keys of the forts, the Prince after disposing off the affairs of the Deccan, appointed Shāh Nawāz Khān with 12,000 horse to the charge of the conquered territory of the Bālāghāt. As in the prime of youth and glory he had become addicted to wine, he took it in excess at the instance of evil companions. In the 14th year of the reign 1028 A.H. (1619 A.D.) he¹ died. Mīrzā Īraj was a young man of a lofty genius, and one who combined wisdom with courage. He was unequalled as a leader. But with these good qualities, he was stingy, and dressed poorly.

### SHĀH NAWĀZ <u>KH</u>ĀN<sup>2</sup> ṢĀFAVĪ (Vol. II, pp. 670-676).

His name was Mīrzā Badī'-uz-Zamān, but he was generally known as the Mīrzā Deccanī. He was the best of the sons of Mīrzā Rustam of Qandahār. During the reign of Emperor Jahāngīr he gained wealth and was raised to the rank of an Amīr, and was exalted with the title of Shāh Nawāz Khān. He rendered service in the provinces of Tatta (Sind) and Bihār. After the death of Emperor Jahāngīr he sided with Āṣaf Khān in the affair of the inexperienced Shariyār, and rendered good service³. In the 3rd year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he was deputed⁴ with Khwāja Abūl Ḥasan Turbatī to liberate Nāsik and Trimbak. In the 9th year when four large armies under the commands of famous peers of the realm set off from Daulatābād to devastate the 'Ādil Shāhī country and to conquer the remaining forts of the Nizām-ul-Mulk's domain, Shāh Nawāz Khān was ordered⁵

i Op. cit., p. 87.

<sup>2</sup> See Blochmann's translation of A'in I (2nd edition), p. 527, note 1.

<sup>3</sup> He was rewarded with various gifts and appointments to the rank of 3,000 with 1,5000 horse, Bādshāhnāma. I, pt. i, p. 181.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 317.

<sup>5</sup> Badshāhnāma. I, pt. 11, p, 140.

to accompany Saiyid Khān Jahān Bārah, and was entrusted with the vanguard.

One day—when the enemy mustered in great force—as the brunt of a Deccani battle is in the rearguard, Shāh Nawāz Khān claimed the rearguard as his post. After the meeting of the two armies fighting went on for a watch (pabr). When the pressure of the enemy became excessive, Saiyid Khān Jahān joined Shāh Nawāz, and drove off the foe. On that day he performed great deeds¹. On account of his high lineage and noble descent, his noble daughter was married to Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur on 23rd Dhul Ḥijja of the 10th year of accession (8th May, 1637 A.D.). Emperor Shāh Jahān at the end of the night of the feast came by boat to his house, and in his presence the dower was fixed at four lacs of rupees. Ṭālib Qalīm found the chronogram:

Time bound two pearls in a necklace.

(Dō gauhar bā yak 'aqd daurān kashīda—1047 A.H. (1643 A.D.).

As on that night the father of the bride, in accordance with the custom of Upper India—that the father of the bride should not appear in the assembly—was not present, he next day proffered suitable gifts. Articles to the value of a lac of rupees were accepted<sup>2</sup>. In the 15th year another daughter was sought in marriage for Prince Muhammad Murād Bakhsh, and as at that time Shāh Nawāz Khān was busy with settling the affairs of Orīssa province, it was ordered that his wife Nauras Bānū Bēgum with her daughter should come to the Court, and conduct the ceremonies<sup>3</sup>. Later the governorship of

Banarsi Prasad Saksena, History of Shahjahan, p. 370, has confused Shah Nawaz Khan with Shah Nawaz Khan son of Abdur Rahim Khan Khanan.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 157.

<sup>2</sup> The marriage really took place in 1046 A.H.—in the last month of the year, 23rd Dhul Hijja or 8th May, 1637; for a detailed account see op. cit., pp. 267-270. The bride's name was Dilras Bānū, and she was the mother of Prince Akbar.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, pp. 304, 305.

Jaunpūr¹ was assigned to the said Khān, and in the 20th year he was honoured by being appointed² as the Governor of Mālwa.

When Islam Khan, the Governor of the Deccan died, he, on account of his being near the spot, was ordered to go there with all haste, and look after the defence of the country. In the same year, the 22nd, Prince Murad Bakhsh was sent off to govern the four provinces of the Deccan. As Shah Nawaz showed signs of wisdom, prudence, greatness and leadership, he was appointed as the guardian and Vakil of the Prince3. In the beginning Shah Nawaz Khan made laudable efforts to bring order into the confused affairs of that territory. He led an army against Deogarh, and returned after having settled that affair. But as the Prince, as a result of his youth and inexperience, was self-willed to the extreme, they could not get on smoothly. Consequent on their disagreement, affairs did not prosper and cases were not disposed of. On this account the Prince went to the Court in the 23rd year, and Shah Nawaz Khan was sent back4 to the province of Malwa. In the 26th year he was promoted to the rank of 5,000 foot with 5,000 horse-two-and three-horse, and honoured by being appointed as the Governor of Oudh, and the fiefholder of Gorakhpur and Bahraich5. When towards the end of Shāh Jahān's reign Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur marched against Bijāpūr, Shāh Nawāz Khān and other officers were detailed from the Court to this expedition. The undertaking had not been completed, when the feline tricks of Dārā Shikōh caused confusion to spread all over. Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur prudently marched to Upper India with proper equipment. Shah Nawaz Khan wisely delayed, and refusing to accompany him remained in Burhanpur. The Prince got him out of his house, and placed him under surveillance in the citadel. At last, after the battle with Dara

<sup>.</sup> Op. cit., p. 332.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 583.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālih, III, p. 64.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 103. 5 Op. cit., p. 154.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., pp. 282, 283. Also see 'Alamgirnama, pp, 52, 53.

Shikoh and the accession of Aurangzib, an order was sent appointing Shāh Nawaz Khān as Governor of Gujarāt and raising him to the rank of 6,000 with 6,000 horse1. He had not as yet settled down in that office, when Dara Shikoh as a result of pursuit by the forces of 'Alamgir, went from Multan to Sind, and from there to Gujarat. When Dārā Shikōh arrived in the neighbourhood of Ahmadābād, Shah Nawaz Khan, either on account of being offended at the Burhanpur incident, or of his not having the means of resistencethough he could have escaped to the Deccan or to Aurangzīb-with all his wisdom dropped the thread of resolution and hastened to welcome Dara Shikoh. He brought him into the city and into the royal Hall of Audience. Dara Shikoh, out of respect to his father, wanted to take a lower seat, but Shah Nawaz Khan insisted on placing him in the royal window (Iharoka). Though that unfortunate wished to proceed by way of Sultanpur and Nandarbar to the Deccan, and there to raise the standard of power, but on receiving the false news about the battle with Shah Shuja' and the defeat and capture of Aurangzīb, and accepting these unconfirmed rumours as correct, he resolved to march to Agra and to release Shah Jahan. He made Shah Nawaz Khan his companion and adviser, and bade him collect troops; he gathered some 20,000 horse.

Meanwhile a succession of letters came from Rāja Jaswant Singh to the effect that the image of loyalty to Shāh Jahān was graven on his heart, and that Dārā Shikōh should come quickly to him, and that the Rāja and all other Rājpūts were ready to sacrifice their lives in his service. Dārā Shikōh thereupon gave up the idea of going to Āgra and taking with him Shāh Nawāz Khān and all his sons and relations hastened to Ajmēr². When that man, who was indifferent to the sanctity attached to the good name of a Mahārāja, did not join Dārā Shikōh, the latter was compelled to erect a circle of walls from the fort of Garh Pathlī to the low hills, and to prepare entrenchments to

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, pp. 209, 210.

<sup>2</sup> Id., pp. 296-300.

oppose Emperor Aurangzib. After many fights on 29th Jammada II, 1069 A.H. (14th March, 1659 A.D.) Diler Khan and Shaikh Mir bravely advanced to a position opposite the defile near the Gokla Pahārī, which was held by Shāh Nawāz Khān, and bravely crossing it drove off his men by the showers of arrows (bullets). At this time Shāh Nawaz Khān was in attendance on Dārā Shikoh. On hearing the news of this reverse he hastened to the spot, and exerted himself to repel the attack. In the crisis of the battle, while he was maintaining himself on the top of the entrenchment, a bullet hit him in the navel and killed him1. Dara Shikoh after his death lost courage and took to flight. Aurangzīb on account of old connections with that member of a noble family treated his body. with respect, and had it buried in the courtyard of the tomb of Mu'in-ud-Din Chishti. From the beginning of his career Shah Nawaz Khan strove after orderliness, method, and a comfortable mode of life. He conducted himself with prudence and caution. He was skilled in the management of worldly affairs and himself used to look into both the general plans and details. He was very fond of fishing and hunting, and was also fond of music. No one else had so many singers and musicians in his entourage. After his death, Ma'sum Khan, his eldest son, had the rank of 2,000. His second son Mīr Mu'azzam, who had the title of Siyādat Khan, attained the rank of 1,500. In the 26th year, 1094 A.H. (1683 A.D.) Prince Kam Bakhsh was married at Aurangabad to Azarm Bānū², daughter of Siyādat Khān. In the 27th year Siyādat Khān was granted the title of Mu'azzam Khān3, and appointed Qūshbēgī (Chief Falconer) in succession to Mughal Khan. He had a turbulent disposition.

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgīrnāma, pp. 323, 324. For remarks about Shāh Nawāz Khān, see also Irvine, Storia do Mogor, I, p. 325. On page 344 of the same work Manucci has a curious story about Shāh Nawāz Khān having been killed in cold blood after the battle. This is undoubtedly incorrect.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-is'Alamgiri, p. 225.

<sup>3</sup> In the 28th and not the 27th year, as in the text, see Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, p. 246.

#### (MIRZA) SHAH NAWAZ KHAN SAFAVI

(Vol. III, pp. 692-694).

His name was Sadr-ud-Din Muhammad, and he was the son of Mīrzā Sultān Safavī. He was a souvenir (Yādgār) of the Safavī family. Through good furture the high rank of an Amir was inherited by him from his father and grandfather, but he was the last of the family, as after him even up to the present day, none of that family has attained any distinction. In short, he was well known after the death of his father, and was appointed to campaigns far and near. In the 26th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he was honoured by the grant of the title of Khan, and appointment as Faujdar of Ramgir2. After that he was made Faujdar of Irij Bhander in the province of Agra, and thereafter of Punar in the province of Berar. In the 44th year, he was exalted by being appointed as the Governor of Khandesh in place of Mu'taqad Khan, and promoted by increase of 500 to the rank of 2,000°. Afterwards, he was appoined as the 3rd Bakhshī, and with the addition of the word Mīrzā4 his name became Sadr-ud-Din Muhammad Khan Safavi. When the imperial army proceeded from Bahadurgarh-which had been the seat of its encampment for a time-for taking the fort of Kondhana; the heavy baggage was left at Bahadurgarh. And the Bakhshī-ul-Mulk Mīrzā Şadr-ud-Dīn Muḥammad Khān, who had the rank of 2,500 with 800 horse, was granted a further increase of 500 with 200 horse, thus raising his rank to 3,000 with 1,000 horse; he was given an elephant and left in-charge of the camp<sup>3</sup>. In the 48th year, on the death of Ruh Ullah Khan, the 2nd Bakhshi, he in his

<sup>1</sup> For his account see Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, III, pp. 581-583.

<sup>2</sup> Maätbir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 234.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 433.

<sup>4</sup> He was granted the title of Mirzā in the 45th year, op. cit., p. 439.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 472, where it is recorded that he was granted a horse, an elephant and a dress of honour on this occasion.

absence was promoted to the post<sup>1</sup> of 2nd Bakbshī, and summoned from the Camp to the Presence. After the taking of Wāgingēra, he received a further increase of 500<sup>2</sup>.

After Emperor Aurangzib's death, he accompanied Muhammad A'zam Shāh. When in the battle with Bahadur Shah, A'zam Shah was killed, many of Aurangzīb's officers and Wālāshāhīs joined Bahādur Shāh, and only a few withdrew. Shāh Nawāz Khān was wounded4 and remained in the field. When he waited on the new Emperor Bahadur Shah, he was confirmed in his appointment, and received the rank of 5,000 and the title of Hisam-ud-Daulah Mīrzā<sup>5</sup> Shāh Nawaz Khān Safavī. He was greatly honoured, and when Bahadur Shah died in Lahore, and four claimants contended for the sovereignty, each officer joined the prince with whom he had been connected. The Khan joined 'Azīm-ush-Shan. Two or three days before the battle, when strife was ripe all round, he was returning after visiting him, and was passing near the tents of Jahan Shah. The latter's men mistook him, and cut him to pieces6. According to another account, on the day of the battle when 'Azīm-ush-Shān was killed, he wanted to join Jahan Shah. In the confusion men riddled him with bullets. Though he cried loudly that he had no hostile intentions, no one listened. They attacked his elephant, and struck him. He was a man devoid of good or evil, and was very slimly built. He was wellknown for his frugal eating. It is stated that for him, they prepared out of one partridge some roast, some pilau and some curry. When taking milk, he increased the quantity by māshas, and when it reached the tola stage he developed indigestion.

- 1 Op. cit., p. 489.
- 3 Khāfi Khān, II, p. 572.
- 5 Op. cit., p. 601.

- 2 Op. cit., p. 505.
- 4 Op. cit., p. 596.
- 6 Op. cit., pp. 685, 686.
- 7 For another version see Sir Jadunath Sarker's edition of Later Mughals, I, p. 173 and footnote. It is stared there that he was severely wounded in the battle, having 16 arrows sticking in his body, and withdrew. On the authority of Tarikh-i-Muhammadi it is added that he died later of these wounds.

#### SHAH QULI KHAN MAHRAM

(Vol. II, pp. 605-608).

He was Bahārlū1, and was one of the chief servants of Bairām In the battle with Hemu-which was the first battle, and which established Emperor Akbar's power—he rendered good service. When during the fight, an arrow from the quiver of the Divine wrath pierced Hēmū's eye, and came out at the back of his head, his men losing their courage took to flight. Shah Quli Khan2 reached Hēmū in time, and not knowing who he was, aimed at the elephant driver so that, in accordance with the prevailing custom, he might be able to claim the elephant as his share of the booty. The elephant driver from fear of his life pointed out his master. Shah Quli Khan on this good news became convinced of his own good fortune, and drove the elephant out of the fray, and produced Hemū bound hands and neck before the Emperor. He became an object of favour/ But he had become enamoured of a boy by the name of Qabul Khan, who was well versed in musical arts, and always kept him in his company. Emperor Akbar who considered such acts, which even with the purest of motives were not approved by many, highly disgusting, and did not approve of them at all, and especially in the case of an Amir-in the 3rd year of the reign ordered that the boy be taken away from Shah Quli Khan. The Khan, who was a prey to his passions, set fire to his house and home, and donned the dress of a jogi (Yogi) and went into retirement. Bairam Khan laboured hard to straighten up the matter, and got him back into the Emperor's favour3. At the time of Bairam Khan's fall those whom he called sons and

<sup>1</sup> Bahārlū is the name of one of the principal clans of Qarāquilū Turks to which Bairām Khān also belonged, see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Beveridge's translation, 1, p. 368. For a biography of Shāh Qulī see Blochmann A'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 329.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 40, 41; Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 64, 65.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, p. 79; Ibid, II, p. 121.

brothers forsook him, but Shāh Qulī Khān remained faithfull and did not abandon' him.

It is stated that when Bairām Khān at Talwāra² in the Siwāliks took refuge with Rāja Ganēsh, and when the Emperor arrived near the hills, Mun'im Khān, at his own request, rushed forward to bring back Bairām Khān, Shāh Qulī Khān and Bābāī Zanbūr³ laid hold of Bairām Khān's skirt, and wept and lamented. Although Mun'im Khān spoke smoothingly, it was of no avail. Consequently he told them to remain that night where they were and wait for news; after their minds were set at rest they could present themselves. From that time they were separated from Bairām Khān, and apparently their fears were on the Khān's account. After Bairām Khān's death, he received great promotions, and was elevated to the rank of an Amīr. In the 20th year, when Khān Jahān, the Govenor of Panjāb was appointed Governor of Bengāl, Shāh Qulī Khān was sent as the Governor of the former province. He always rendered good service, and this met with royal appoval.

It is stated that the Emperor out of great benevolence and kindness took him inside the palace into the harem. When Shāh Qulī Khān went back to his house, he castrated himself. The Emperor hearing of this granted him the title of Mahram (confidant). In the 34th year at the time of returning from Afghānistān, and after crossing the Jhēlum river, the Emperor was one day encamped at Hilān. On the march, it was the turn of the elephant Malūl Rāī. As he was turbulent and wicked, the Emperor wished to mount him from the back of a female elephant. Before, however, he had put his foot in the

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 104, 111, 118; Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 157, 170, 180.

<sup>2</sup> See Jarrett's translation, of A'in, II, p. 318.

<sup>3</sup> See Akbarnāma, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 180, note 2, where on Bāyazīd's authority it is stated that he was the elder brother of Shāh Qulī Khān Mahram.

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 162; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 230.

rope girdle (Kalāwa), that rogue rushed at the female, and the Emperor fell down. Though the elephant rushed off in another direction, the fall rendered the Emperor unconscious for a time, and he suffered from severe pain. He himself determined that he should be bled and this cured him. Sedition mongers in the provinces invented wild canards, and many distant parganas were plundered. The Shaikhawat Rajpūts, though their leaders were in attendance at the Court, plundered Birat<sup>2</sup> and from Mewat to Rewari devastated the country. Accordingly in the 35th year, Shah Quli Khan was deputed to put down the malcontents. In a short time he by his bravery and courage uprooted the plant of sedition, and restored tranquility. In the begining of the 41st year he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 4,000 and later he was given the rank of 5,000; he also received a flag and a drum. In the 46th year, 1010 A.H. (1601-02 A.D.), he died of dysentery at Agra. In spite of his age, he had a young heart. He had an abundant share of courage and honesty. He adopted Nārnaul as his home, and erected magnificient buildings and built a large tank there. It is stated that during his illness he realized that he would not survive. He gave his soldiers two years' salary in advance, and gave away to the needy large sums in charity; he then passed away.,

#### SHAH QULI KHAN NARANJI

(Vol. II, pp. 535-536).

He was one of Emperor Humāyūn's officers. He was in constant attendance during his journeys and at home, and rendered valuable service throughout. In the 1st year of Emperor Akbar's reign, he was appointed to the Panjāb<sup>4</sup> province under Khidr Khwāja Khān.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 574, 575, 578; Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 869, 870, 874; see also the very excellent footnotes.

<sup>2</sup> In Alwar State, Birat or Parat of Jarrett, A'in, II, p. 191.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 799; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1197.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, II, p. 47, Ibid, II, p. 73.

At the time of Bairām Khān's fall from power, he remained attached¹ to him, and considered it his duty to attend on him. When Mahdī Qāṣim Khān from the Garh territory went off to the Hijāz without royal permission, Shāh Qulī Khān, with some others, was sent in the 11th year to settle that territory². His later history has not come to the notice of the author.

#### SHAH QULI KHAN WAQAS HAJI

(Vol. II, pp. 658-661).

He was an inhabitant of Balkh. In the beginning of the 5th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he came to India from his native country as an ambassador of Nadhar Muhammad Khan, the ruler of that country. When he reached near Agra, Mu'taqad Khan Bakhshi was sent to receive him and escort him to the Presence. He produced the ruler's letter and presents valued at fifteen thousand rupees. He was granted a dress of honour, a decorated dagger worth four thousand rupees, and Momin, his son, was also presented with a dress of honour. Two days later 35 horses and 10 camels were presented by him, and 18 horses and some camels by his son. Thirty thousand rupees were given to him and ten thousand to his son as gifts3. After sometime when the Solar weighing took place, he received as a gift twenty thousand rupees and his son five thousand4. In the 6th year, he was presented with a dress of honour, a horse with a gilded saddle, and an elephant, and his son a dress of honour; he was also granted leave to return with Tarbiyat Khan and an answer to the letter he had brought with him5.

As he had seen the grandeur of India, and had become acquainted with the mode of administration of justice there, his heart turned

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnama, Text, II, p. 107; Beveridge's translation, II, p. 163.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, p. 272; Ibid, pp. 405, 406.

<sup>3</sup> Bādsbāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 431.

<sup>4</sup> This was in the 6th year of the reign, op. cit., p. 451.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., pp. 465, 466.

away from his native land, and in the 9th year he came back and had an audience. He received the rank of 1,000 with 800 horse, a dress of honour, a decorated dagger, an ornamented sword, a horse with a gilded saddle, an elephant and a present of twenty thousand rupees1. When in the end of the same year, it was represented that Mîrzā Khān Manuchehr, the Faujdar of Kangra, had, as a result of a disturbed brain, gone into retirement, he was appointed to take charge of the hill country, and his rank was raised to 2,000 with 2,000 horse. He received the title of Shah Quli Khan, and was given a flag, a dress of honour, a decorated dagger, a horse and an elephant<sup>2</sup>. After reaching the hill country, he set about putting it into order. He sent for Bhūpat, son of Sangrām, the Zamīndār of Jammu, who always helped the Faujdars in the area, but who had gradually become slack in service. He came with a large force. Shah Qulī Khān collected troops and prepared for battle. After fighting, Bhūpat hurriedly retired to his home. Emperor Shāh Jahān approved of Shah Quli Khan's conduct, and in the 10th year, presented him with a dress of honour, drums and an elephants. In the 12th year, when the Emperor was proceeding to the capital, Shah Quli Khan waited on him on the way. He was removed from his existing appointment, and sent as Governor of Bhakkar on the death of Jan Nithar Khan. In the 14th year, his rank was advanced to 3,000 with 2,000 horse; he received a dress of honour and was appointed Governor of Kashmir<sup>5</sup>. He also received as presents a sword with ornamented accourrements, and fifty thousand rupees in cash. After reaching Hasan Abdal, he died6 in the year 1050 A.H. (1640 A.D.). Muhammad Amin, his son, who had the rank of 900 with 500 horse, died in the 25th year.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, 1, pt. ii, p. 166.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 250, 251.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 223.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, p. 217.

<sup>4</sup> Badshāhnāma, II, p. 131.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 225.

## (MĪRZĀ) SHĀHRU<u>KH</u> (Vol. III, pp. 329-335).

He was the son of Mīrzā Ibrāhīm, son of Mīrzā Sulaimān<sup>1</sup>, the ruler of Badakhshān. After his father was killed, he was brought up by his grandfather. When he attained the years of discretion, inasmuch as there had been enmity and disagreement from the start between his mother, Muhtarim Khanum, and his grandmother Khurram Begam-who had full control over Mīrzā Sulaimān-he, at the instigation of malevolent Badakhshīs, fell out with his grandfather and started to oppose him. This went so far that Mīrzā Sulaiman left his country and migrated to India, as has been narrated in his account. Later, when Mīrzā Sulaimān after reaching India took leave2 to go to Mecca, Shāhrukh Mīrzā and his mother sent petitions and presents to Emperor Akbar, and strengthened their ties of fealty. Mīrzā Sulaimān returned from Mecca by way of Irān, and with the help of Mīrzā Muḥammad Hakīm led an army against Badakhshān. On the basis of conceding the lands which Mīrzā Ibrāhīm had held, a peace was arranged with Mīrzā Sulaimān, but soon disagreements broke out between them. So long, however, as Shāhrukh's mother was alive, these disagreements were settled peacefully. After her death, the Mīrzā took to headstrong measures, and the troops becoming demoralized, the officers also started fighting about their fiefs. 'Abdullah Khan, the ruler of Turan, who was watching his opportunity, hearing of this fell upon Badakhshan. The servants behaved unfaithfully, and the Mīrzās forced to bid adieu to their hereditary territory made their escape with great difficulty. When they reached the borders of Kābul, Mīrzā Sulaimān felt

I See Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 264-277 for an account of Mīrzā Sulaimān.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed account of the intrigues und quarrels between Mîrzā Sulaimān and Mīrzā Shāhrukh see Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 149-158; Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 211-212. Mīrzā Sulaimān's obtaining leave to go to Mecca is recorded on Text, p. 163, translation, p. 231.

ashamed in view of what had transpired earlier to proceed to India. Mīrzā Shāhrukh with his three sons, the twins Hasan and Husain, and Badī'-uz-Zamān, started for India. In the country of the Hazārajāt he heard that 'Abdullah Khan had been defeated by Kulabians, and the Mirza returned towards Badakhshan in the hope of recovering possession. Then it appeared that the ruler of Tūrān had taken possesion of Kūlāb, and the Mīrzā worse off than ever returned. On the way, he met Mīrzā Sulaimān, who on hearing the same report had started back from Kābul. Just then the Uzbeg army arrived and started to plunder. In this confusion Mīrzā Sulaimān's horse stumbled and he fell on the ground. Mīrzā Shāhrukh dismounted, and offered his horse; this too ran off into the wilds. A follower set Mīrzā Sulaimān on his own horse, and Mīrzā Shāhrukh dextrously got hold of the runaway, and they galloped away. In the confusion his son Hasan got separated, and this was a new grief for the father. When the Mīrzā took the road to India and got out of the defiles, the missing son rejoined him. Kanwar Man Singh in the neighbourhood of the Indus river and Raja Bhagwan Das at Lahore showed him hospitality. In the 29th year, Prince Daniyal welcomed him outside the Capital, and introduced him to the Presence1. He was honoured in the royal Court, and was given a present of a lakh of rupees in cash, goods of the Farrash-Khana, five elephants, nine horses, some camels and several servants. In the 38th year, at the end of the year 1001 A.H. (1593 A.D.), Emperor Akbar gave him his daughter, Shakr-un-Nisā in marriage2. He was appointed Governor of Malwa, raised to the rank of 5,000, and sent off to his province with Shahbaz Khan Kambu as his guardian3. In the 40th year, he was deputed with prince Murad to the Deccan.

When Shāhbāz Khān left Aḥmadnagar and came to Mālwa, Ujjain and other choice places in that province were taken over from Shāhbāz

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 447, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 670, 671.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 644; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 990. The year of the marriage is wrongly given there as 1594 A.D.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 644; translation, III; p. 991.

Khān, and assigned to Mīrzā Shāhrukh as his fiel1. The prince took up his quarters at Bālāghātpūr-Berār, and the imperial forces under the leadership of Mīrzā Shāhrukh and Khān Khānān, the Commanderin-Chief, were, in the 41st year, opposed to armies of the three chiefs of the Deccan under the command of Khwaja Suhail Khan of Bijapur. There was severe fighting. Raja Ali Khan, the ruler of Khandesh, who commanded the left wing of the imperial forces was killed with many men; others losing heart fled. The Rajput leaders rallied after going off some distance. Mīrzā Shāhrukh and Khān Khānān drove off the force that opposed them, and spent the dark night on horseback. At dawn, most of the leaders of the enemy were killed, and the rest took to flight<sup>2</sup>. In the 43rd year, 1007 A.H, (1598-99 A.D.), on being summoned he reached the Presence. In the same year, Shaikh Abūl Fadl was sent to the Deccan. The Mīrzā was presented a flag and a drum, and sent off to Malwa to put the army there into order. On being called to the Deccan, he went there quickly. The Mīrzā never spared himself in royal service. When Prince Daniyal, after the conquest of Ahmadnagar, came to his august father at Burhanpur, the Mīrzā was left in-charge of the territory. When Khān Khānān reached Ahmadnagar from the Court, the Mīrzā returned to the Presence3. Later from the banks of the Narbada, he was again sent to the Deccan with the Prince. About the end of Emperor Akbar's reign he held the rank of 7,000, In the 2nd year of Emperor Jahangir's reign, 1016 A.H. (1607 A.D.) he died at Ujjain4, and was buried outside the city. It is stated that Kābulī Bēgam, the daughter of Mīrzā Muhammad Ḥakīm, who was also married to the Mīrzā, took his body with the intention of conveying it to Medina, and herself making the pilgrimage. On account of (the fear of) molestation by the Arabs of

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 717, translation, III, p. 1069.

<sup>2</sup> This account of the battle appears to be based mainly on Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 718, 719; translation, III, pp. 1070-1072. See also the very useful footnotes by Beveridge,

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 747, translation, p. 1116.

<sup>4</sup> Tuzuk-i-lahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), p. 119.

the desert, she made over the body to some camel-drivers (Makārē) and went off to Basra. From there she went to Shīrāz. Allāhwardī Khān, the Governor of Fars, treated her with respect, and sent her to Isfāhān (Ispāhān). In the year 1022 A.H. (1613 A.D.) Shāh Ābbās II, the ruler of Iran, married her to his blinded uncle Mīrzā Sultān Ālī. But there was no love between him and the Begam1. In short, Mīrzā Shahrukh was distinguished for courage and good qualities. Emperor Jahangir has written in his Memoirs2 that although no one can be more faithless than a Badakhshī, but Shāhrukh behaved as if he were not a Badakhshī He was in India for twenty years, but did not at all know the Indian language. Of his sons, Mīrzā Muhammad Zamān, who assumed power in Badakhshān, was killed by the Uzbegs. For a long time a fictitious Muhammad Zamān raised a disturbance. Mīrzā Shāh Muhammad was kept by Mīrzā Muhammad Hakīm under his own eye. At the time of Mīrzā's death six sons were alive, Of Hasan and Husain, the twins, Hasan, who ran away with Khusrau, was caught on the second day and imprisoned. Mīrzā Sultān from his early years was educated and trained3 in the service of Emperor Jahangir. The Emperor proposed to give his own daughter to him in marriage. ladies of the harem represented that he already had many wives in his house. When he was questioned, he swore by the Emperor's feet denying the report. Eunuchs were sent to his house, and they found women there in confinement; he consequently fell out of favour. He received Ghāzīpūr in fief, and died there. Mīrzā Badī'-uz-Zamān, known as Mîrzā Fathpürī, was the Bakhshī of the Deccan in Emperor Jahangir's reign. Later, he received4 Pattan in Gujarat as his fief. He was a bundle of wicked bones for contention and strife, so much

This account is apparently based on Tārīkh 'Ālam Ārāi 'Abbāsi,

<sup>2</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jabāngīri (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), I, pp. 119, 120, where the death of Mirzā Shāhrukh is recorded, and an account of his family is included, but this statement about his character differing from that all Badakhshis is not included there.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 24.

<sup>4</sup> Tuzuk-i-lahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), II, p. 10.

so that his brothers plagued by him killed him in Pattan. His mother coming to the Court appealed for justice. But as it should have been, she did not bring in a charge of murder. The brothers were imprisoned for a time. Mīrzā Mughal did not prosper. He was married to the daughter of Dārāb Khān², and lived on the fief of pargana Nīmkhār-Baiswāra. The last was Mīrzā Shujā' Najābat Khān³, a separate account of whose career has been included.

# (RĀJA) SHĀHŪJĪ BHŌNSLE (Vol. II, pp. 342-358).

It is stated4 that his lineage extends to the Rajas of the Chittor, who are Sisodiahs. One of his ancestors by the name of Sur Sen for some reason migrated from Chittor to the Deccan, and for a time resided in the village of Bhonsa, pargana Karkanab, Sarkar Parenda, in the province of Aurangabad, and took to himself the surname of Bhonsle. Dādājī Bhonsle, one of the Rāja's ancestors, who was the head of the villages of Haknī, Būrhī, Dēvalgāon and the lower area of the Pargana of Poona, had two sons, Māloji and Vithojī (Pēthūjī of the text). They became alienated from the ryots there, and moving over to the town of Ellora near Daulatabad took up agriculture there. Later, they moved over to the town of Sindkher (Shindkhed) to Lakhöjī Jādhavrāō (Lakhī Jādū), the Dēshmukh of Sarkār Daulatābād, who held a high office in the Nizām Shāhī dominions, and had an extensive establishment; they took up service with him. Vithoji had eight sons, Khēlojī, Pānājī and others, while Mālojī after long yearning for them had two sons. As he had great faith in Shah

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 259.

<sup>2</sup> He is probably Dārāb Khān Mirzā Dārāb for whom see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 14-17. Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 450-453.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp, 821-828, translation antea, pp. 364-371.

<sup>4</sup> See Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 111-112. There is also a more detailed account of the Marhattas in Khazāna-i-ʿĀmira (Lucknow Lith. edn.), pp. 39 et. seq., which is copied in Siyar-i-Mut'ākb khirin (Lucknow Lith. edn.), III, pp. 921-926.

Sharīf—who is buried in Ahmadnagar—he called one Shāhjī and the other Sharafjī. Lakhōjī Jādhavrāo, who except for a daughter of the name Jījābāī (Jhajāwa in text) had no other issues, was so greatly enamoured of Shāhjī—who was very handsome—that he took him up as a son, and gave him fine clothes, and golden jewelled ornaments.

On day Jādhavrāo said that he would give him the said daughter to Shāhjī in marriage. Mālōjī the father and Vithōjī, the uncle of Shāhjī, stood up saying that the betrothal had been arranged, and that he should not hereafter go back on his word. But Jādhavrāo's tribesmen blamed him, and made him change his views. At last Jādhavrāō became angry, and turned Mālōjī and Vithōjī out of Sindkhēr. They went to Anangpāl Nimbālkar, who was an influential landholder, and having got an army from him came to the neighbourhood of Daulatābād, and referred the matter to the Governor there. In this way was brought about the marriage of Shāhjī Bhōnslē with the daughter of Jādhavrāo, and Shāhjī Bhōnslē became a man of consequence.

When Nizām-ul-Mulk killed¹ Jādhavrāo by a clever ruse, Shāhjī quarrelled with him, and in the 3rd year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign went off to Ā'zām Khān the Governor of the Deccan, He was made a Panjhazārī with 5,000 horse, and received as gifts a jewelled dagger, a flag and a drum, a horse and an elephant and two lacs of rupees. As a result of his evil disposition he soon left him, and went back to Nizām-ul-Mulk. Gradually he gained great influence in the Nizām Shāhī kingdom, and on this account Jādhavrāo and other leaders had spite against him in their hearts. During the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān they arranged for an imperial army being sent against Shāhjī. This force besieged him in the fort of Māhōlī. He addressed himself to Sikandar 'Ādil Shāh and suddenly coming out of the fort marched off to Bījāpūr. When Murārī, the manager of 'Ādil Shāh pursued Malik 'Ambar, and established stations at Chākna, Poona, etc., Shāhjī Bhōnslē. who had accompanied him, was granted

I Gasht is apparently a mistake for Kusht.

these areas as his assignment. Later, Shāhjī Bhōnslē went off to Karnātik (Carnatic), and first took Pāla Kankgīrī by force from the landholders, and then married Tukābāī a girl of the Möhite family. He had two sons by Jījābāī, one Sambā, who was killed by a bullet in the battle of Kanakgīrī, and the second Sīvā (Shivājī), who, on account of his young age was with his agent at Poona, etc., which maḥals formed his assignment. By Tukābāī one son was born whose name was Vyankōjī (Ekōjī in the text).

When Shāhjī1 was living in the district of Kölär and Bālāpūr, and as fortune was favourable to him, he, at the request of the Raja of Trichonopoly-who had been defeated by Panchi Raghav, the landholder of Tanjore-went to his assistance, and having defeated them took possession of both the territories. Leaving Vyankoji, his son, there, he returned to Kölär. Vyanköji had three sons, first Shāhji, second Sharifji-both these left no issues-and the third Tukoji whose descendants inherited both these territories and remained in possession of them. Meanwhile Shivajī—who had reached the age of 16 years removed his father's agents from the management of the mahals of the Jāgīr, and laid the foundations of his independence. In a short time his fortune was increased by the defection of the Bijapur officers, and he had collected nearly 15,000 troopers. When he saw that the neighbourhood-which was in the fief of Mulla Ahmad Naitha-was left without the defending army which had been deputed there at the request of the Jagirdar of Bijapur, he exerted himself and took possession of most of its territory—when the power of the Bijapūris suffered a serious set back through the death of Muhammad 'Adil Khan, and as 'Alī 'Ādil Khān was not securely established, Shivājī cutting off his connection with them assumed independence. Later, when 'Alī 'Adil Khan had been able to make secure his position, Shivaji sent deceitful messages of submission, requested for pardon, and begged that

<sup>1.</sup> For Shāhji see also Kincaid & Parasnis, History of the Maratha People, pp. 5-10, Grant Duff, History of the Mahrattas, I, pp. 57-126, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, House of Shivaji, pp. 35-54.

Afdal Khān the general of 'Ādil Khān might be sent to visit him. When Afdal Khān reached Konkan, Shivājī adopting an attitude of supplication in the name of peace invited the said Khan with a limited retinue to a conference near his abode. The latter put on the appearance of fear, and came tremblingly to the palanquin of the Khān. Then with a knife, which he was carrying concealed on his person, he killed the Khan, and shouted to his armed followers, who were lying in ambush in the neighbourhood. They came, and killed or made prisoners of the remaining forces of the Khan, and plundered his camp1. By this kind of actions, Shivaji was able to collect large quantity of equipment, and become more turbulent. When he attacked the imperial territory, Emperor Aurangzib, in the 3rd year of his reign, directed Shāyista Khān Amīr-ul-Umarā, the Viceroy of the Deccan, to chastise him. In the 4th year Mahārāja Jaswant Singh, Governor of Gujarāt, was appointed to assist him and Chākna was taken out of Shivājī's possession.

It is stated that when Shāyista Khān was staying in Poona, Shivājī so detailed his men for a night-attack that they could gain admission into the inhabited area of the camp. One night they entered by opening a window at the back of the dwelling which had been closed up by bricks and clay. The women raised an out-cry and Shāyista Khan waking up hurried to the spot. One of the attackers threw a sword and this lopped off his index finger. Abūl Faṭh his son was killed. Meanwhile the outside guards arrived, and Shivājī's men hurriedly departed. In the 7th year, when Mīrzā Rāja Jai Singh was appointed to chastise him, he moved a large force against his forts and besieged Pūrandhar. Shivājī being reduced to extremity, sent a message to the effect that he was prepared to hand over to the imperialists 23 forts in the hope that the Emperor would in future favour him. After protracted negotia-

<sup>1</sup> For Aidal Khān's expedition see Sir Jadunath Sarkar's detailed account in Shivaji and his Times, pp. 59-73, also Kincaid & Parasnis, loc. cit., pp. 37-41.

<sup>2</sup> See Sarkar, loc. cit., pp. 88-93 for a detailed account of the night attack.

tions he sent in the keys of all the forts, and coming unarmed had an interview. Mīrzā Rāja treated him politely, and presented him a sword and dresses<sup>1</sup>. He accompanied the Mīrzā in the expedition against Bījāpūr.

When Emperor Aurangzīb heard about it, he sent an order demanding his presence at the Court. He hurried to the Court with his son Sambhaji. On the day of the presentation he was, in accordance with the orders, admitted to the rank of a Panj-hazari (5,000), but owing to his narrow-mindedness he retired to a corner, and stayed there for a long time. He stated that he had pain in his belly. Permission was granted that he could retire to the house which had been allotted for his residence. On reaching there he expressed his undisguised dissatisfaction. When this was reported to the Emperor, he was made over to the charge of Kanwar Ram Singh, son of Mīrzā Rāja for being kept under guard, and later a contingent of Fülad Khan Kotwal's men was appointed to guard the house. He by his attention to every one of them put them off their guard. One night he and his son changed their dresses and escaped. On the way, they got on to horses, which had already been arranged, and went off to Mathura. And having shaved his beard and eye-brows, he reached the province of Haidarabad by the route of Benares, Bengal and Orissa. He left Sambhaji with a Brahmin named Krishnājī Vishvānāth (Kabkalas in the text) at Mathurā, and having promised him a suitable reward arranged that he should send Sambhājī when he was asked to do so2.

When in the 10th year, Sultān Muḥammad Mu'azzam—who had been appointed Viceroy of the Deccan—left with Mahārāja

I For details of the terms of peace see Kincaid & Parasnis loc. cit., p. 72, and Sarkar, loc. cit., pp. 128-132. This treaty of Pürandhar was arranged in 1665.

<sup>2</sup> For Shivāji's visit to Agrā, his imprisonment and escape, see Kincaid & Parasnis, loc. cit., pp. 72-79 and Sarkar, pp. 139-161, See also Alamgirnāma, pp. 967-971, 1021. Shivāji escaped from Agrā and not Delhi as is incorrectly stated in Elphinstone, History of India, pp. 613, 614. The flight took place on 29th August, 1666, and he did not reach home till 30th November.

Jaswant Singh, Shivājī started creating a disturbance. He plundered many of the imperial estates, and looted the port of Sūrat. And after the arrival of the Prince sent a message to Maharaja Jaswant Singh saying that he was sending his son Sambhaji with the request that he should be favoured with the grant of a mansab so that he might with a suitable force perform the duty assigned to him. After this was accepted, he sent the said son with Pratap Rao, his agent and a force of 1,000 horse. He received the rank of 5,000 with 5,000 horse, and was presented with an elephant with jewelled trappings, an assignment in Berar etc. After a time he recalled his son, but his agent and the force remained on duty. Later, some of the estates of Sambhājī's assignment were resumed in ordor to recover the advance of one lac of rupees which had been made when Shivaji had been called to the Court. Accordingly Shivajī recalled his agent, and began plundering the imperial territories. Dāūd Khān Quraishī pursued him, and Shivājī adopted guerilla (bargīgarī) tactics. Afterwards he concluded a treaty with the ruler of Haidarabad, and arranged that they should together fight the imperial forces; and they should start by recovering Shivaji's forts. By this arrangement he obtained troops and gold from the ruler of Haidarabad, and started for Tanjore. He sent for his brother Vyankoji with a view to meeting him and to bring reinforcements. He came and had an interview with Shivajī at Gingee (Chinchi in text). Shivajī claimed a share of his patrimony. Vyankōjī returned a polite answer, and leaving at midnight departed for Tānjōre. Shivājī plundered his camp, and took possession of Gingee and his other forts; he made them over to the charge of his own men, and dismissed the Haidarabad forces1. In the 17th year he again made peace overtures with Bahadur Khan Koka, Governor of the Deccan. Bahadur Khan wrote to the Court, but while the reply came, Shivājī stored grain and other materials, etc, in his own forts, and took the fort of Parnāla (Panhāla) from the Bījāpūrīs. He properly entertained the emissary—who had gone on behalf of the

<sup>1</sup> See Sarkar, loc. cit., pp. 304-315.

Governor of the Deccan for carrying out negotiations—and gave a clear answer about the peace terms. In the 20th year, Sambhājī becoming displeased with his father sought refuge with Dilēr Khan. In the 21st year, however, he fled and returned to his father. In the same year Shivājī invaded the imperial territories, and laid waste the Pargana of Jālna. After a few days' illness, however, he died'. It is stated that Shāh Jān Ullāh—a darwesh who lived in those quarters, and was unique for his good qualities, and whose retreat (Takīya) was, in spite of his remonstrances, plundered by Shivājī and his followers—had imprecated a curse on him².

Shivājī was remarkable for his love of justice, attention to details and military skill. He had collected large numbers of horses in his stables, and had appointed skilled men to look after these animals. For every ten horses there was a custodian (Taḥwīldār), a waterman and a scullion (Mash'alchī), and a supervisor was appointed for every thousand horses. His servants were of the nature of grooms (Bārgīrs). When a force under a leader was detailed to any area, lists were made of the accoutrements of all the followers, After an attack on any territory he took over whatever was in excess (i.e., of what they had at the start of the expedition). He had his secret spies. On his death Sambhājī succeeded him, but his presumption brought about an estrangement with his father's comrades in arms, and he squandered

- I He died in April, 1680. According to Beale Oriental Biographical Dictionary his date of death was 24 Rabi'I, 1091 A.H., corresponding to 14th April, 1680. Grant Duff, loc., cit., I, p. 227 gives 5th April as the date; see also the note on pp. 227, 228 where the various discrepancies of the date of his death are discussed. Kincaid & Parasnis, p. 110, say that he died on 3rd April at Raygad. Sarkar, op. cit. p. 339, and note gives the date as 4th April, but in Cambridge Hist. India, IV, p. 278 has changed it to 2nd April, 1680 at Raigarh. Khāfī Khān, II, p. 271, incorrectly states that he died near Murtadābād which is another name for Mīraj.
- 2 This story is told in Khāfi Khān, II, p. 271. His chronogram of the year of death of Shivājī is 10 too little unless either of the words Kāfir or Jahannamī.

what his father had accumulated. He was a great believer in a Brahmin by the name of Kalasha (Kab Kalas in text) and was notorious for his debauchery. In the 24th year when Sultān Muḥammad Akbar rebelled against his father, Sambhājī gave him shelter. In the 30th year, Khān Zamān Shaikh Nizām—who was the Faujdār of Kolāpūr near Panhālā—got information about him through capturing one of his spies, and marching rapidly over a long distance, and after an attack captured him and Kalasha. Ḥamīd-ud-Dīn Khān went and escorted him to the Court. On the day of his arrival at the camp wooden caps and collars were fixed on their heads. High and low were delighted. The chronogram was found as:—

"Bā Zan Farzand Sambhā shud asīr" (With wife and child Sambhā was made prisoner, 1101 A.H., 1689 A.D.)

In the 31st year, in accordance with royal instructions, he was put to death. The fort of Rāygad (Rāhīrī in text)—which Dhūlfiqār Khān had previously been deputed to attack—was taken. Shāhū (Sāhū in text), the son of Sambhājī and Sambhājī's womenfolk were brought to the Court. The Emperor granted Shāhū the title of Rāja, and the manṣab of 7,000 with 7,000² horse, and assigned him a place inside royal enclosure; he wes brought up under royal supervision.

After the death of Emperor Aurangzīb, Shāhū, on the recommendation of Dhūlfiqār Khān was granted leave by Muḥammd Ā'zam Shāh, and returned to his native country. The Marathas flocked round him. He first paid a visit to the tomb of Aurangzīb, but

<sup>1</sup> The date of capture and death of Sambūji are incorrectly given in this account. These did not occur in the 30th and 31st year respectively of Aurangzib's reign, but in the 32nd year or 1100 A.H., as described in Maathiri-i-Alamgiri, pp. 319-325, from where the account is taken. See also Sir Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, IV, pp. 398-404.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-i-'Ālamgīri, pp. 331. 332. This occurred in the 33rd year,

meanwhile his followers plundered Pūrjāt the outskirts of Aurangābād1. Later he went and settled down in Satārā. He lived for a long time, and spent his life in ease and pleasure. His chief officials-called Pradhans in the Hindi language - and according to Indian ideas eight Pradhans are indispensible for a Raja—led expeditions and laid waste various areas. At last in the time of Emperor Bahadur Shah, on the recommendation of Dhulfigar Khan 10 per cent of the revenues of the provinces of Aurangābād, Khāndēsh, Berār, Bīdar and Bījāpūr was assigned to him2. But on account of the disputes between Raja Shāhū, and Tārā Bāī, the wife of Rājārām (Rām Rāja in text) this arrangement was not given effect to. Later during the viceroyalty of Amīr-ul-Umarā Husain 'Alī Khān the amount was fixed at 25 per cent under the name of Chauth; and a grant with the seal of the Amīr-ul-Umarā was issued for it3. From then onwards, they abstained from plundering. The said Raja died in 1163 A.H., without leaving any children. The descendants of 1749 A.D. his uncle Rājārām are still living in the fort of Panhāla.

The old leaders of this tribe were Dhānājī Jādav and Santājī Ghōrpare<sup>5</sup>. They were constantly carrying out expeditions; and were attacking and plundering different parts of the country. The second (Santājī Ghōrpare)—who was behaving presumptuously—was put to death<sup>6</sup> by Dhānājī and others, after the death of Rānā son of Shivājī at the instigation of the latter's wife, who managed the affairs as guardian

<sup>1.</sup> Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 582,583.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, pp. 626,627.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, pp. 784,785. See also Kincaid & Parasnis, op. cit., pp. 212, 213.

<sup>4</sup> He died on 15th December, 1749, see Kincaid & Parasnis, op. cit., p. 291, and Cambridge Hist. India, IV, p. 110.

<sup>5</sup> For these two Marhatta generals see Cambridge Hist. India, IV, pp. 291-295.

<sup>6</sup> This is incorrect; he was defeated by Dhāna, but he was murdered near the Mahādēo hill by the order of Rādhika Bāi Maul, whose brother he had slain (June, 1697).

of her young son, his son Rānājī Ghorpare for sometime followed his father's example in plundering, and became more famous than the The descendants of both and their tribesmen are still living in the Deccan. One of the Pradhans, Balaji Vishvanath was a Brahmin. In the year 1130 A.H., 1718 A.D., when Husain 'Ali Khān arranged with Rāja Shāhū the payment of Chauth and Sardeshmukhī and issued a grant with his seal on it, Bālājī Vishvānāth accompanied the said Khan to Shahjahanabad with 15,000 horsemen. In 1139 A.H., 1727 A.D., Malhar Rão (Malhar in text) Hölkar, one of the companions of Bājīrāo-son of Bālājī Vishvānāth, and who had succeeded his father after his death-came to Malwa, and fought a battle with Girdhar Bahadur, the Governor of the province, and killed him. In the time of the government of Muhammad Khān Bangash he attacked and plundered his domain, and upset his administration. In the year 1145 A.H., 1732-33 A.D., when the government of Mālwa was assigned to Rāja Jai Singh, he because of his being a co-religionist, supported Bājīrāo.

In the year 1146 A.H. (1733-34 A.D.) Bājīrāō proceeded from the Decean to Upper India. Muzaffar Khān, the brother of Khān Dauran on being appointed to oppose him proceeded to Sironj Bajirão did not want to fight with him, and returned to the Deccan. In the year 1147 A.H. (1734-35 A.D.) he again marched to Upper India. From the Capital of the realm two forces, one under the leadership of I'timad-ud-Daulah Qamar-ud-Din Khan and the other under Khan Dauran, were sent to put him down. Bajīrao sent one army under Pilājī Jādav against Qamar-ud-Dīn Khān, and the other under Malharrao Hölkar against Khan Dauran. Qamar-ud-Din Khan was victorious three or four times over the army opposed to him. Khān Daurān out of jealousy for his success made peace, and both forces turned back. Later at the request of Raja Jai Singh, who wished that the government of Mālwa be given to Bājītāo in his place, Khān Daurān made Emperor Muhammad Shāh agree to this transfer, and in the year 1148 A.H., (1735-36 A.D.) the government of Mālwa was assigned to Bājīrāo. In the following year Bājīrāo went

to Malwa with a large force, and after making a settlement of the province proceeded against the Raja of Bhadawar. The Raja took up his quarters in a strongly fortified place, and Bajirao reduced the village of Abtar which was the Raja's residence. He sent Pilaji Jadav across the Jumnā to attack the Antarbed (the area between the Ganges and the Jumna). He encountered Burhan-ul-Mulk, who had arrived near Agra, and fled after losing many men, and joined Bājīrāo on this (the Agra) side of the Jumnā. Bājīrāo rapidly marched towards Shāhjahānābād, when it was too late (literally: after Başra was taken), Khān Daurān came out of the city (of Delhī). Bājīrāo saw no advantage in fighting and retired towards Agra. In the year 1150 A.H. (1737-38 A.D.) Asaf Jah at the summons of Emperor Muhammad Shah came to the Capital from the Deccan, and was appointed Governor of Malwa in supersession of Bajīrao. He started for that province, and a battle took place with Bajirao near Bhopal. Asaf Jah made peace and the government of Malwa was left in the hands of Bājīrāo, and Aṣaf Jāh returned to the Capital1. In 1252 A.H. (1739 A.D.) there was a battle between Nāsir Jang, the Martyr and Bājīrāo near Aurangābād. At last Bājīrāo made peace, and took the Sarkārs of Khargūn and Hāndia in Khandesh. On reaching the bank of the Nerbudda he died2 in 1153 A.H. (1740-41 A.D.).

He was succeeded by his son Bālājī, and Sadāshivrāo alias the Bhāo, son of Chimnājī, the brother of Bājīrāo was appointed his Chief Minister. The terms of peace with Rāja.Shāhū were still in force. Upto the martyrdom of Nāṣir Jang and the death of the Rāja in 1163 A.H. (1750 A.D.) there were occasional outbreaks, but compromises were effected. After the Rāja's death, one of his relations was made the ostensible chief, but Bālājī assumed all power, and

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed account of the activities of Marathas during the reign of Muḥammad Shāh, see Irvine, Later Mughals, II, pp. 277-306. The convention with Asaf Jāh was signed near Sirōnj on 17th January, 1738, Cambridge Hist. India, IV, p. 357.

<sup>2</sup> The date of his death was 17th April, 1740.

made all hereditary Maratha chiefs to submit to him. In the year 1164 A.H. (1751 A.D.) when Hölkar and Jayappa Sindhia hurried towards Allāhābād and Oudh to help Abūl Manṣūr, and Aḥmad Khān Bangash was defeated, Abūl Mansūr handed over to them Kõl ('Alīgarh), Jālēsar and Qannauj up to Karrā Jahānābād in recognition of their services. Gradually they got possession of the area up to Allāhābād. For nearly ten years the Marathas governed there. In the year noted above, Bālājī led a force against Aurangābād, and obtained a large sum out of the revenue deposited in the treasury of the Nazim there. In the year 1165 A. H. (1752 A.D.), in accordance with the grant of Amīr-ul-Umarā Fīrūz Jang most of the Sūba of Khāndēsh and several estates in the province of Aurangābād came into their possession. In 1171 A.H. (1758 A.D.) a battle took place in the Deccan with Nizām-ud-Daulah Āṣaf Jah (the 2nd), and after the peace country with revenues of 27 lacs of rupees was entirely made over to the Marathas. In the same year Dattājī Sindhia, brother, and Jankojī, son of Jayappa Sindhia, besieged Najīb-ud-Daulah in Shukartāl, and in the same year Raghūnāthrāo, Shamsher Bahadur and Holkar advanced as far as the neighbourhood of Shāhjahānābād. At the request of Ādīna Bēg Khān they hastened to the Panjab, and drove off Taimur Shah son of Shah Durrani and Jahan Khan from Lahore, and their deputy remained at Lahore. In the year 1173 A.H. (1759-60 A.D.) Dattājī Sindhia on hearing of the approach of Shah Durrani advanced as far as Sirhind and died. The fort of Ahmadnagar in the Deccan came into the possession of the Marathas. Bālājī and Sadāshivrāo fell out with Amīr-ul-Mumālik Nizām-ud-Daulah Aṣaf Jāh, and came forward to give battle. The leaders of the rearguard of the Muslim army were in accordance with the dictates of Fate, killed, and a country yielding a revenue of 60 lacs and the three forts of Daulatābād, Asīr and Bījāpūr fell into the hands of Marathas.

When in the above mentioned year Shāh Durrānī turned Marathas out of the Panjāb, killed Dattājī Sindhia, and dispersed Holkar's forces, thereupon Sadāshivrāo and Visvāsrāo son of Balājī set out

towards Upper India to retrieve the situation. At first they went to the Capital (Delhī) and after capturing the fort they removed Muḥīyul-Millat (Shāh Jahān III) son of Muhīy-us-Sunnat son of Kām Bakhsh-whom 'Imad-ul-Mulk, after he had killed 'Alamgir II, had placed on the throne—and in his place made Jawan Bakht son of Shah 'Alam a puppet sovereign. In 1174 A.H. (1760 A.D.) they moved forward to encounter Shah Durrani. As the army was reduced to terrible straits owing to the stoppage of supplies, they were forced to fight. Sadāshivrāo, Viswāsrāo and a large number of leaders were killed, and some, who fled, were killed by the villagers1. Bālājī on hearing of the catastrophe died of grief in the same year2. His second son Madhūrão succeeded him. For a time there was a quarrel between him and his real uncle Raghūnāthrão. At last the latter was siezed and imprisoned, and Madhurao after ruling successfully for some years died of illness. He had appointed Nārāinrāo, his younger brother as his successor. Raghūnāthrāo intrigued with some people, and killed Nārāinrāo. As the officials of his clan were not satisfied with him, it resulted in a quarrel. Raghūnāthrāo was defeated, and took shelter with the hat-wearing Europeans (the English). About the time of the writing of this account, he with their assistance made war on his opponents, and fell into their hands. He was granted a Jagir in Malwa for his essential expenses, and started for that province. On the way, however, he quarrelled with his guides, and went off to Surat to the Europeans. On this account a quarrel arose between the Marathas and the hat-wearers. Mādhūrāo3 the young son of Nārāinrāo is in occupation of the place of his ancestors.

Others of the leaders of Rāja Shāhū are the Dabhade (Dīhāriya in text), who in the time of the government of Sarbuland Khān went

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed account of this period see Cambridge Hist. India, IV, pp. 410-426.

<sup>2 23</sup>rd June, 1761.

<sup>3</sup> He committed suicide by throwing himself from the terrace of his palace on 25th October, 1795; he died two days later; Grant-Duff, op. cit., II, p. 254.

to Gujarāt, and took possession of much of the province. Another is Raghūjī Bhonslē, who was of the same caste as Raja Shāhū; the province of Berar formed his domain. He also took possession of the country of Deogarh and Chanda, and marched to Bengal by way of Kuttak (Cuttack), and in lieu of the Chauth for that territory took possession of the province of Orissa. On his death his eldest son Jānojī succeeded him. After the latter's death there was dissension among the brothers for a time. At the time of writing, Mādhōjī son of Raghūjī was in power. He took a grant of the Chauth in the name of his son Raghūjī from the Maratha Rāj. Another of his companions is Murārīrāo Ghorpade, who is the Ta'luqdar of the estates of Sīra etc. in the province of Bījāpur. He was well known for his qualities of leadership and obtained pessession of the fort of Gooty (Gooti) and various other estates. In the year 1190 A.H. (1776 A.D.) Haidar 'Alī Khān captured him after besieging the said fort; he died as his prisoner. Their petty sardars are too numerous to be included in this note.

# SHAI<u>KH</u> MĪR <u>KH</u>AWĀFĪ

(Vol. II, pp. 668-670).

He was a Saiyid of good family, and a favourite officer of Aurangzīb, while the latter was a prince. He was distinguished for his courage and good judgment. In the 30th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign, when the prince, in accordance with his father's orders, proceeded against the ruler of Haidarābād, Shaikh Mīr was in the vanguard with Prince Muḥammad Sulṭān. He rendered good service against the enemy and was wounded by a bullet. In the year when the prince went to Upper India for enquiring after his father's health, Shaikh Mīr was one of his confidants, and in the battle² against Mahārāja Jaswant Singh, was Commandant of the reserves. In the

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sāliḥ, III, p. 227.

first battle against Dārā Shikōh, he commanded the advance-guard of the Centre, and distinguished himself1. As a reward, he received a special dress of honour. Later, when the news was received that Sulaiman Shikoh wanted to cross the Ganges and Jumna to join forces with his father, who was marching towards Lāhōre, Shaikh Mīr and other officers were<sup>2</sup> appointed to obstruct his route. When he fled towards Srīnagar (Garhwāl), Shaikh Mīr came to the Courts, and after Aurangzīb reached Multān, he was deputed4 to pursue Dārā Shikoh. He followed him as far as Tatta (Sindh). When Dara Shikoh left Tatta, and went to Gujarāt, Shaikh Mīr was recalled; he quickly rejoined Aurangzīb6. In the second battle with Dārā Shikoh, he had the command of the advance-guard of the Centre, and on the day of the battle, he advanced before all others and gallantly attacked the entrenchments of Shāh Nawaz Khān Safavī. At this time, he was struck with a bullet in his chest, and laid down his life in the service of his master in 1068 A.H. (1657 A.D.). Mīr Hāshim, one of his fellow countrymen, who was seated benind in the howdah, did not lose his presence of mind, but took Shaikh Mīr in his arms and watched over him?. Aurangzib was greatly grieved by the sad news of the death of this old and faithful officer, and ordered that he be buried in the cemetery of Shah Mu'in-ud-Din. May his grave be hallowed! Two of his sons were Muhtasham Khan Mīr Ibrāhīm<sup>8</sup> and Mukarram Khān Mīr Muhammad Ishāq<sup>9</sup>—whose separate accounts have been included in their respective places. His third son was Mir Muhammad Ya'qub, who later became known as Shamsher Khan. He was distinguished above his brothers for courage. He was deputed with his brother Mukarram Khan to

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 98.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 159, 160.

<sup>3.</sup> Op. cit., p. 167.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 207.

<sup>5</sup> For detail see op. cit., pp. 271-284.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 295.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 324.

<sup>8</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 646-650, translation antea. pp. 233-235.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, pp. 695-701, translation antea, pp. 243-246.

chastise the Afghans, and sent to the pass of Janus. In the 18th year, in the last battle when Afghans were successful, he stood firm, and was killed in the prime of his youth.

## (MIR) SHAMS (Vol. III, p. 492).

He was one of the Husainī Saiyids. It is stated that for a long time he had forsaken the world, and was travelling about. Later, he attached himself to Shāh Jahān. On the death of Jahāngīr when Shāh Jahān's forces arrived near Sūrat, he was appointed Governor of the fort there. In the 7th year his rank was increased to 2,500 with 2,000 horse, and in the 10th year he had an increase of 500 horse, and was appointed Faujdār and the fietholder of the Pargana of Barōda¹ in the province of Gujarāt. In the 18th year he received drums, and in the 19th his rank was increased to 3,000 with 3,000 horse, and he was appointed Faujdār and fietholder of Bīr. In the 25th year he was made Faujdār and fietholder of Pattan in Gujarāt. In the 28th year he reverted to the post of Tbānadār and fietholder of Barōda in the dependancy of Aḥmadābād. In the 31st year on 19th Ramadān 1067 A.H. (21st June, 1657 A.D.) he died.

# SHAMSHER <u>KH</u>ĀN ARSLĀN BE ŪZBEG (Vol. II, p. 633).

He was one of Emperor Jahāngīr's officers. Formerly, he was the Governor of Kahmard, and he was one of the middle class officials of Walī Muḥammad Khān, the ruler of Tūrān. After handing over Kahmard to the imperial government, Shamshēr Khān came to the Presence in the 3rd year and paid his respects; he was exalted by the

<sup>1</sup> Pazoda in the Text is apparently incorrect. It is Baroda in Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. 2, p. 242, and his rank is stated to have been increased to 2,500 with 2,500 horse. The fief was probably the Baroda State of the present times.

grant of a suitable rank and a dress of honour. Later, on being granted a Jāgīr in Sīwistān in Sind, he was nominated as the Governor of that area. In the 5th year, he was promoted to the rank of an Amīr, and granted a flag. In the 9th year, when Muzaffar Khān Ma'mūrī was appointed Governor of Sind, he was removed from that office and returned to the Court. He was appointed to accompany Prince Sulṭān Khurram in the campaign against the Rānā. He died at his appointed time. It is stated that he was a simple-minded man, and one who regularly carried out his daily devotions and recited the Qūr'ān. He was well known for his courage, and attained the rank of 3,000.

## SHAMSHĒR KHĀN ḤAYĀT TARĪN (Vol. II, pp. 677-679).

He was the son of 'Alī Khān, a well known officer of Shāh Jahān, who lost his1 life in the battle of Tatta. When Shah Jahan ascended the throne, Shamsher Khan in the Ist year of the reign received a dress of honour, the rank of 1,000 foot with 500 horse, and a present of seven thousand rupees2. In the 3rd year, when the Emperor went to the Deccan, he went with Shayista Khan to devastate Nizamul-Mulk's territory. In the 11th year, he went with Sa'id Khan Bahadur to Qandahar, and rendered good service in the taking of the fort of Bust3. In the 15th year, he received an increase of 300 horse4, and in the 19th year a further increase of 200 horse, so that the number of his troopers equalled his personal rank. Later he was appointed with Sultan Murad Bakhsh to conquer Balkh and Badakhshan, and after his arrival there he, with Bahadur Khan Rohila, engaged with Nadhar Muhammad Khan, the ruler of Balkh. In the 20th year, he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 1,500 with 1,000 horse.

<sup>1</sup> Badshahnama, I, pt. i, p. 124.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 119.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshahnāma, II, p. 54.

<sup>4.</sup> Op. cit., p. 280.

When the prince adhered to his determination of giving up the governorship of that Saba, and started for the Court, Sa'd Ullah Khan arrived there for settling up affairs in that territory. The Thanadari of Khānābād was entrusted to the said Khān, and at Sa'd Ullāh Khān's recommendation his rank was increased by 500 foot with 500 horse.2 Later he was granted the title of Shamsher Khan. After the arrival of Sultan Aurangzīb Bahādur in that territory, he was entrusted with the government of the city of Balkh. In the 22nd year, he received a flag, and went in attendance on the prince to Qandahar. reaching Qilat, he, at the prince's suggestion, was appointed Governor of that fort. In the 23rd year, his rank was increased to 2,500 with 2,200 horse, and the office of Thanadar of Ghaznin was entrusted to him in succession to Sa'ādat Khān. As he had done good work in keeping down the Hazaras and the Afghans in that territory, in the 25th year he was promoted to the rank of 2,500 with 2,500 horse. When Aurangzīb ascended the throne, he, in the 1st year of the reign, after Sa'ādat Khān the Governor of Kābul was killed by his own son Shērzād, was appointed Governor of the province4. In the 4th year on the death of Raja Rajrūp he was reappointed Thanadar of Ghaznin, and in the 10th year was deputed to chastise the Afghans of the Röh (Hill) country; he rendered exceptional service both in killing the enemy and taking many prisoners. In consequence he was promoted to the rank of 3,000 with 2,500 horse, of which 2,000 were 2-horse 3-horse. After Muhammad Amīn Khān Bakhshī's arrival in that territory he again rendered good service in the battles against those tribesmen, and by the Emperor's order was appointed Thanadar of Ohend.

<sup>1</sup> See Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, II, p. 245.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 594. 3 Op. cit., p. 612.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 442. His rank was also raised to 2,500 with 800 horse. Also see Maāthir-i-Alamgīri, p. 27.

### SHAMSHER KHAN TARIN

(Vol. II, pp. 683-686).

He was an A'zam Shāhī officer, and his name was Husain Khān. At first he was a retainer of Diler Khan Daudzail, but later joined Dāūd Khān Qurēshī<sup>2</sup>. When the government of Burhānpūr was entrusted to the latter, Husain Khan was appointed to carry on the administration there; he thus became a man of means. After Daud Khān's death, he entered the service of Prince Muhammad A'zam Shāh, who was then Governor of Multan. Afterwards, he was appointed Faujdar of Jammu which was the prince's fief. As he did good service in the turbulent territories in the Bijapur campaign, he, after the victory, was awarded the title of Shamsher Khan by the Emperor's orders, and rose from the rank of a Jam'adar to that of an The prince had explicit trust in him. He died a natural death at his appointed time. His sons were Muhammad 'Umar and Muhammad Uthman. They were cherished by the prince, and were proud of being called Khānazāds (house-born ones). Owing to youth and inexperience of military matters, they became dissatisfied with the prince's instructions, and displaying undue resentment left for their home, which was three kos from Sirhind and known as the settlement of Malik Haidar. After spending sometime there without employment and in poverty they returned to the Court which was then at Ahmadnagar. For a time they remained in the Guard House, which forms the entrance to the Camp, and entrance and exit from where was prohibited without a permit. Out of regard for the prince who had just arrived from Gujarat, no one represented their case. They were reduced to extreme distress, that is to say the knife reached the bone. Fortunately a Maratha army created a disturbance near the camp, and a number of royal officers went out to chastise them.

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 42-56, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 495-505.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., Text, II, pp. 32-37, Ibid., I, pp. 462-464.

These opportunists, who were waiting for the sword round their necks, distinguished themselves on this occasion; and drove off the scattered enemy forces. When their exploits were reported to the Emperor, he looked favourably upon them and they were taken into service. But as the prince was displeased with them, they saw no advantage in remaining in attendance (on the Emperor), and went off with the prince who had been deputed to Aurangabad and Burhanpur. spite of this devotion the prince took no notice. They had not covered two or three stages, when news of Emperor Aurangzīb's death was received. After this they were in favour and regard, and on the day of the battle with Bahadur Shah, the younger brother displayed exceptional devotion in front of the prince's elephant, and freed the shoulder of courage from the burden of service (was killed). Afterwards, Prince 'Azīm-ush-Shān greatly favoured 'Umar Khān. In the beginning of Emperor Farrukh Siyar's reign, he accompanied Nawab Nizām-ul-Mulk Fath Jang to the Deccan, and was appointed Faujdār of the exchequer estate of Sangamnīr. But on account of disagreement with Haidar Quli Khan, the Divan of the Deccan, he went off to the Court. He was appointed Faujdar of Kalabagh, which was a turbulent territory in the Malwa Suba; many of the sedition mongers were forced by him to accept allegiance, while some who deflecting from the path of rectitude persisted in opposition and disobedience, were killed. In the time of Emperor Muhammad Shah, he was appointed Qil'adar and Faujdar of Dhar. After his death, his Ta'luq was transferred to his sons. When the province of Malwa fell into the hands of the Marathas, the latter were not agreeable to any of the imperial officers remaining in that territory. Malhar Rão Hölkar addressed himself to the taking of the Dhar fort, which was one of the memorials of Raja Bhoj. He besieged it for some days, and drove mines to the wall of the fort. They defended it as far as they could, but when they saw that no help from outside could reach them, they perforce surrendered the fort, and joined Raja Jai Singh Siwai. This companionship did not work, and so they left for the Court, but no one there took any notice of them.

## SHAMS-UD-DIN <u>KH</u>AN <u>KH</u>WĒSHGI (Vol. II, pp. 676, 677).

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He was the eldest son of Nazr Bahadur1. In the 20th year of emperor Shāh Jahān's reign and during his father's lifetime, he was appointed Faujdar of the Daman-i-Kob (valley) of Kangra in succession to Murshid Quli. In the 25th year, when his father died, the Emperor promoted2 him to the rank of 1,500 foot with 1,500 horse, and appointed him to accompany Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādurwho had been nominated to proceed on the second expedition to Qandahar. In the 27th year, he was appointed Faujdar of Junagarh and fiesholder of some Parganas in that territory in succession to Muhammad Sālih, son of Muhammad 'Isa Tarkhān. In the 30th year, when he had a dispute with his brother Qutb-ud-Din about the fief of Junagarh, the Faujdari and the Tiyuldari of Pattan in Gujarat was given to Qutb-ud-Din, and Shams-ud-Din was ordered to proceed to the Deccan to join Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur, who would appoint him to a suitable office. Accordingly, he went to the Deccan, and in the 31st year distinguished himself in the battle with the Deccan forces. After a while when the horizon changed its colour, and the said prince marched to Upper India, he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse. He was enrolled among the Deccan auxiliaries, and rendered good service in company with Amīr-ul-Umarā Shāyista Khān in the taking of the Chakna fort. On the day of the assault he ran forward and took the fort. He died at his appointed time. None of his sons distinguished himself. His great grandson was Muthawar Khan Bahadur, whose separate account has been included in this work.

<sup>1</sup> For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, III, pp. 818-821; translation antea, pp. 390-392.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālib, III, p. 138.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 45. 4 O

<sup>4</sup> Op cit., p. 587.

<sup>5</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 776-793, translation antea, Pp. 333-344.

## (<u>KH</u>WĀJA) SHAMS-UD-DĪN <u>KH</u>AWĀFĪ (Vol. I, pp. 664-669).

His father Khwaja 'Ala'-ud-Din was one of the leaders and great men of that territory (Khawaf). Shams-ud-Din1 rose to high office and position of trust in the reign of Emperor Akbar as a result of his trustworthiness and ability. His word was fully relied upon, and he was a good official. The account of his deeds of bravery and courage while he was with Muzaffar Khan in the province of Bihar and Bengal constitutes a fine record in the history of Emperor Akbar's reign. In reference to the Khwaja the learned Shaikh Abul Fadl has written that in difficult times when Turks were irresolute and leaders were bewildered, he with high courage and magnanimity undertook difficult tasks and carried them out successfully2. When the discontented officers of Bihar joined the sedition-mongers of Bengal, Muzaffar Khan lost heart, and though he was urged to engage in battle, it was of no avail. After much expostulation, some soldiers were sent off by him under the command of Shams-ud-Din. When the Commander-in-Chief loses heart, what can be expected of the ranks. The Khwaja had traversed only a short distance, when troops after troops of his force deserted and joined the enemy. The Khwaja fought a battle When Muzaffar Khan, the Governor of and was taken a prisoner. Bengāl died during this period of rebellion, Ma'sūm Khān Kabulī took the Khwaja into his own keeping under the impression that he was possessed of much cash. When he did not succeed by gentle means, he resorted to violence, and the Khwaja was nearly dying of 'Arab Bahadur, in consideration of his earlier friendship, and also because he hoped to get possession of his property by persuasion, took him under his charge, and freed him from his shackles. One day the Khwaja finding opportunity, fled with some others. He

I For his account see Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 493-495. See also his account of Khawaf on pp. 493, 494 and the footnotes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 140; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 197. Abūl Fadl was related to Shams-ud-Dīn Khawāfī,

joined Rāja Sangrām at Kharakpūr. As the roads were closed he could not join the imperial army. He collected a body of men and harassed the enemy; he also carried away their cattle from their pastures. Later, when differences arose among the enemy party, he managed to come to the Presence, and received royal favours and was promoted. About the same time, in the 26th year of the Ilāhī era, the royal camp was pitched on the bank of the Indus river for the chastisement of Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm. It was imperative that a fort should be built there, and through the exertions of the Khwāja this was completed in a short space of time. As the fort in the Eastern Districts was called Katak Benāres, the new fort was named Atak (Attock) Benāres. It was as if by this name a reference was intended to the fact that according to the Hindu religion, it was not allowed to cross the river, because it made void many of their religious observances.

In short, the Khwāja was for sometime Dīvān of Kābul. In the 39th year when Qulīj Khān was appointed Governor of Kābul on the death of Qāsim Khān³, the Khwāja was appointed⁴ Dīvān-i-Kull (Dīvān-general) in his vacancy. In the 40th year, 1003 A.H. (1594-95 A.D.)., twelve Dīvāns were appointed. There was one Dīvān for each province, who had to report⁵ on every matter to the Emperor with the opinion of the Khwāja who was the Grand Vazīr (Vazīr-i-Kull). When in the 43rd year, the royal standards after fourteen years' stay in the Panjāb moved to Āgra for an expedition to the Deccan, the Bēgams together with Sultān Khurram were left at Lāhōre. Their care and the charge of the exchequer and affairs of the province was entrusted to the Khwāja. When, in the 44th year, Miriam Makānī and the ladies of the harem were summoned to Āgra,

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāmā, Text, III, p. 315, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 460, 461.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 355, Ibid., p. 521.

<sup>3</sup> He was assasinated, see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 653, translation, III, p. 1003; also Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, p. 66.

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 654; translation, III, p. 1004.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., p. 670; Ibid., p. 1029.

all the administration of the Panjab was entrusted to the Khwaja<sup>1</sup>. In the 45th year, 1008 A.H. (1599-1600 A.D.) he died<sup>2</sup> at Lahore.

The Khwaja was the unique of the age for uprightness, efficiency and courage. His understanding of affairs was the secret of his He was never discouraged by difficulties and boldly set himself to work. He was unequalled as a writer, and honesty was always his motto. More wonderful still, in spite of his being trusted so highly, he never took advantage of it, and did not show any signs of over-subtlety. He was very peace-loving. Accordingly from the beginning to the end of his career, he was honoured and respected. After his death the charge of the exchequer of the Panjab was transferred to his younger brother, Khwaja Mumin, who was well known for his discretion. Though he had many relations, he did not have any children. His brother's son Khwaja 'Abdul Khaliq' was, in the time of Emperor Jahangir, very intimate with Asaf Jah. On the day when Mahabat Khan brought Asaf Khan out of the Attock fort, and imprisoned him, he on account of this connection sent the unfortunate Khwaja to the other world with the sword of violence. Khawafipura at Lahore was built by the Khwaja, and he was buried there. On account of his trustworthiness, skill and good name, the men of Khawaf obtained power and influence with the Timurid family. And, in fact, most of this clan are innately honest and upright. The hand of power has implanted honesty and truth in them. During the reign of Emperor Aurangzib, which was a time of appreciation, and when there was a ready market for honesty, many of this clan were distinguished by appointments to high positions of trust, office and dignity.

Khawaf is a district of Khurasan. Amīn Rādīs in "Haft Iqlīm"

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 746; translation, III, pp. 1114, 1115.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., III, p. 772, Ibid., p. 1154.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 1154. 4 Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngīrī, p. 268.

<sup>5</sup> For his account see 'Abdul Muqtadir's preface to Haft Iqlim, p. t (1915). The account of Khawaf is given in 4th Climate.

has said that Khawaf was always the mother-soil of just and pious princes, of historians, Shaikhs 'Ulemas and beneficient Viziers. Wherever the inhabitants of that country have gone, they have by their lofty genius and high sense of dignity obtained advancement, and become favourites. The princes of the Al Muzaffar were from among them; seven of them were rulers in Fars and Shīrāz for 59 years. Among the Shaikhs was Shah Subhan, who received instruction from Khwāja Maudūd Chishtī. His poems about Sūfīsm are Another was Shaikh Zain-al-Millat-ud-Din, and who well known. was known as Khawati. His grandson was Shaikh Zain Sadr, who was one of the learned men of his age, and was distinguished by his long companionship with Emperor Babur. In the time of Emperor Humayun, he was raised to the rank of an Amir. Among the Viziers, was Khwaja Ghiyath-ud-Din, who for forty years was the Vizier of Shāhrukh Mīrzā, and whose son Khwāja Majd-ud-Dīn became Vizier in the the time of Sultan Husain Mīrza, and who rose to such dignity that he sat and did his work in front of the throne.

### Verse

One of his distinctions was that before the Shāh All stood on their feet, while he remained seated.

The men of Khawaf have always been distinguished for their skill and sagacity. It is related in the Tarīkh-i-Hirāt that when Hasan Ṣabāh reached near Khawaf, he saw few trees in a village, and by way of enquiry asked a girl if there was a limited number of trees in that country. She replied, "Our men are our trees". In Dbakhīrat-ul-Khwānīn it is written that formerly the people of Khawaf were Sunnīs, and were very bigoted. It is stated that when Shāh 'Abbās Ṣafavī in the beginning of his reign came to Khawāf, he bade them revile his companions, but they refused. He had seventy of their principal men flung down from the mosque, so that each one had his neck broken, still no one taking warning from this punishment agreed to carry out his order. At the present day, they are just as staunch Shī'ahs.

## (MĪRZĀ) SHARAF-UD-DĪN ḤUSAIN AḤRĀRĪ (Vol. III, pp. 232-238).

He was the son of Khwaja Mu'in, son of Khwaja Khawand Maḥmūd, son of Khwāja Kalān—commonly known as the Khwājagāni-Khwāja—eldest son of Khwāja Nāṣir-ud-Dīn Ubaid Ullāh Aḥrār— May his grave be holy! Khwaja Kalan was adorned with outward and inward knowledge and in pursuance of his father's orders took up his residence in the village of Darsin-which is one of the quarters of Samarqand. In the time of the predominance of Shāhī Bēg Khān, he migrated to Andjan (Badakhshan), and died in 905 A.H. (1499-1500 A.D.). His body was removed to Tashkend, and buried beside his mother's. He had three sons by the daughter of Saiyid Naqī-ud-Dīn Muḥammad Kirmānī, viz., Khwājas Nizām-ud-Dīn 'Abdul Hadi, Khawand Mahmud, and 'Abdul Khaliq. After his wife's death, he married the daughter of Khwaja Muhammad Nizam, brother of Shaikh-ul-Islam Khwaja 'Asam-ud-Din, who was descended, in the fourth generation, from Maulana Burhan-ud-Din 'Ali, the author of the Hedāyā'. By her also he had three sons, vīz. Khwājas 'Abdul 'Alim, 'Abdul Shahid, Abūl Faid. Also by a Turkish lady, he had a son called Khwaja Muhammad Yusuf. Khwaja Khāwand Maḥmūd after living as a dervish went on pilgrimage, and proceeded to 'Iraq and Fars. For a while he studied with Maulana Jalāl-ud-Dīn Muḥammad, and from Maulānā Imād-ud-Dīn Maḥmūd he learnt the science of medicine. As a result of his accomplishments he became a Qadi, and returned to Samarkand, where he occupied himself in teaching. When he came to India, he was greatly honoured by Emperor Humayun, who became his disciple. Afterwards for some reason he went to Kābul, and died there. Khwaja Mu'in during his father's lifetime went to Kashghar1 and acquired great influence with 'Abdullah Khan, the ruler of that country, and obtaind the grant of the produce of the Jade river. As the

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 194; Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 301, 302. See also the valuable notes in reference to the Jade river.

Khwajazada was a shrewd man, he so arranged that no one could see any jade even in a dream, and so had to buy it (from him) at a high price. In this way he acquired much wealth, but he was a great miser. Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn lived on bad terms with his father. When Humayun at the time of the expedition to India sent Khwaja 'Abdul Bārī, grandson of Khwāja 'Abdul Hādī to 'Abdur Rashīd the ruler of Kashghar—who had always been trying to establish friendly relationship—the latter sent with him Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn to India for the dual purpose of offering condolence on the death of Emperor Humāyūn and to congratulate Emperor Akbar on his accession to the throne. In the 1st year of Emperor Akbar's reign Sharf-ud-Dīn paid his respects,1 and through the influence of Maham Anaga and Adham Khan he soon became an Amir, and was appointed to the rank of 5,000, he was also granted the fief of Ajmer and Nagore. He distinguished himself by his ability and courage, and put down the recalcitrants in those districts.

As his mother Kūchak Bēgam² was the daughter of Mīr 'Ālā'-ul-Mulk Tirmudhī and of Fakhr Jahān Bēgam, the daughter of Sulţān Abū Sa'īd, Emperor Akbar, in the 5th year, gave his own (half) sister Bakshī Bānū Bēgam in marriage to Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn, and thereby greatly exalted his position.³ In the 7th year, 969 A.H. (1561-62 A.D.) when the imperial cortege moved to Ajmēr, Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn waited upon the Emperor. He was deputed to capture the fort of Mairtha, which belonged to Rāī Maldēo, who was one of the leading Rāīs and Rājas of India in regard to his influence and power. Jagmāl and Dēo Dās, who looked after the fort on behalf of Rāja, made preparations to defend it. After a long siege an armistice was arranged on the condition that the evacuant soldiers should take nothing with them from the fort except their horses. Jagmāl kept to the terms, and came out of the fort. Dēo Dās, on the other hand,

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 21; Beveridge's translation, II, p. 37.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 21; Ibid., p. 37.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 128; Ibid., p. 197.

burnt all his goods, and moved out with 500 men. The Mīrzā coming to know of it went to fight with him, A great battle ensued, and Dēo Dās was killed. According to other statements, however, he escaped after he was wounded. Accordingly, sometime afterwards a person called himself Dēo Dās; some accepted him, but other disbelieved him. At last, he was killed in a battle. In the 8th year, Khwāja Mu'īn hearing of his son's exaltation and grandeur took leave from Abūl Khair Khān on the pretext of going on pilgrimage, and came to India from Kāshghar. The Mīrzā went from Nāgōre to welcome his father, and brought him to the Presence. Emperor Akbar himself welcomed him, and brought the Khwāja with all honours to Āgra. It is an age-established canon that when a person's fortune is on the wane, and the times are out to exact vengeance, the light of his intelligence becomes darkened. He regards loss as again, and the unworthy as deserving of favour.

### Verse

When a person's destiny deserts him, Do what he may, nothing succeeds.

The Mîrzā's case illustrates this precept, for disregarding all the favours shown to him by the Emperor, he, in the same year, for some reason, through baseless suspicion or because of his evil nature fled from Agra towards Ajmēr. The chronogram was Shash Safr (6th Safr=970 A.H.; 5th October, 156 A.D.). The Emperor entirely disregarding his lack of sense and having developed a suspicion sent Husain Qulī Khān with a force of officers in his pursuit. The Mīrzā unable to find refuge anywhere fled from the imperial territories. Khwāja Mu'īn felt greatly ashamed of his son's unworthy conduct, and though he suffered no dimunition in respect and regard, he left after a short time for pilgrimage. He, however, died at the port of

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 161, 162; translation, II, pp. 248-250.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a fuller account see Akbarnama, Text, II, pp. 195, 196, translation, II, pp. 303-305.

Cambay. They sealed his body in a coffin, and placed it on board the ship Fathī, but the vessel was lost at sea.

Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn wandered as a vagabond for sometime, and then took refuge with Chingiz Khān Gujarātī. Later he joined with the rebellious Mīrzās, and afterwards went over to the ruler of Khāndēsh. From there after losing his prestige, he rejoined Muhammad Husain As Fates were against him, he could not find rest anywhere. Later, when the Gujarāt territories were added to the conquered domains, he fled to the Deccan and passed through Baglana. Baharji, the zamindar of the territory imprisoned him, and bringing him along presented him before the Emperor at the time when fort of Sūrat was taken. The Emperor had him thrown before an elephant who was not a man-killer, and then put him into prison1. After sometime, he was sent to Muzaffar Khān, Governor of Bengāl. He was directed to give him a Jagir there if he showed signs of repentance, otherwise he was to be sent off to Mecca. As he did not show any sign of repentance, Muzaffar Khan kept him in confinement till the season of sailing. Meanwhlie Ma'sum Khan Kabuli rebelled in the Bihar province, and joined Bābā Khān Qāgshāl and others who had stirred up strife in Bengal. They besieged Muzaffar Khan in Tanda. The Mîrzā escaping from the fort joined them. When they were victorious over Muzaffar Khān, Mīrzā Sharf-ud-Dīn, who had come to know of some of the former's treasures, took possession of them and used them as the means of gaining influence2. Though Ma'sum Khan did not work, Sharf-ud-Din was the nominal leader. When disagreements became ripe amongst the ungrateful Bengal Amīrs, Ma'sūm Khān retired to Bihār, but on the approach of Mīrzā 'Azīz Kōka and Shahbaz Khan Kambu with a large contingent of the imperial army, he returned to Bengal. Differences arose between the Mīrzā and Ma'sum Khan, and each was lying in wait to circumvent the other.

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed account see Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 29, 30, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 41, 42.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 303, 304; translation, pp. 448, 449.

At last Ma'sum Khan won over with gold a boy named Maḥmud, who was the favourite of the Mirza, and he at the instigation of Ma'sum Khan made the Mirza drink poisoned opium! water. He died in the 25th year 988 A.H. (1580 A.D.).

# (MIR) SHARIF AMULI (Vol. III, pp. 285-290).

His home was in Amul's, and he had received all his regular education in Iran. He gained an intimate knowledge of Sūfism and the truth of religion, but this was mixed up with a lot of details about impieties and heresies. He preached "He is All in All", and All in All (Hamā rā) he called God (Allāh). When he came to India during the reign of Emperor Akbar, he found that universal toleration and breadth of view were the orders of the day (literally: the daily bazār). The reigning Prince's view was that Sovereignty was the shadow of Divinity. It was wrong to hold that special grace (Faid) was the perquisite of any one sect, rather the correct principle to be adopted should be that all different people with their varying dispositions should share in the Divine Grace. Difference of religion was no reason for destroying a people. The Mir eagerly kissed the threshhold, feeling that he had gained his desire; and receiving a rank and fief became a recipient of royal favours. It is stated in the Dabistan Mübaidī (i.e. of Mubaid) that the Mir waited upon Emperor Akbar at the station of Dipalpur, and publicity supported the views of Mahmud of Basakhiwan in his discussions with the 'Ulemas. After contending with the philosophers (Hukāmā), he came into notice4.

- 1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 325, 326; translation, pp. 477, 478.
- 2 For his life also see Blochmann's translation of A'in (2nd edn.), pp. 502-504, which is based mainly on the Maätbir account.
- 3 Amul also spelt as Amal and Amol in maps is an old city south of the Caspian and west of Astrābād.
- 4 Apparently pēshpā khurd is the opposite of pushtpā mīzad, as on p. 706 of Maāthir, III, which means ran away. It is also used in this sense on p. 795 of the same work, and there means putting oneself forward.

The general benevolence of Emperor Akbar did not forsake himrather he was taken notice of and patronized. It appears that Dīpālpūr is in Mālwa, and that in the 22nd year, 984 A.H. (1576-77 A,D.) the Emperor was encamped there for some days in connection with some state affairs.

The author of these pages has not been able to find in the Akbarnama the date on which Sharif Amuli waited upon Emperor Akbar. but the date of his appointment<sup>2</sup> is recorded. There is also a contradiction between it and and Sikandar Beg Munshi's account. In the 'Alam Ārāī 'Abbāsī' the latter author has stated that in 1002 A.H. (1503-04 A.D.), in the 7th year in the reign of Shah 'Abbas II, the astrologers agreed that the conjunction of superior and inferior planets betokened that one of the princes of the time would die, and that it appeared probable that this would happen in Iran. When the horoscope of the Shah was prepared, it was found that the first quadrature had found a place in the house of birth, and accordingly Maulana Jalal-ud-Din Muhammad, astrologer of Jabraz, who was pre-eminent in the science of astrology, devised a plan for averting the evil influence. This was that for two or three days while the indign influence was at its height, the Shah should withdraw himself from governing, and raise to sovereignty someone who was worthy of death. During this period, all high and low should submit themselves to his orders, so that the real functions of royalty might be performed by him. After three days, he should be put to death. All approved of this suggestion, and the lot fell upon Yūsuf the quiver-maker, who was a heretic and a follower of Dervish Khusrau of Qazwin, and was more pronounced in his beliefs than his companions. The Shah

I This place is in Indore, vide Imperial Gazetteer (Old edn.), IV, p. 304. The reference appears to be taken from Badāyūnī, Text, II, pp. 245-247, Lowe's translation, II, pp. 252-255. The Maāthir quotation is not quite correct. The Dabistān reference is to be found on p. 407 of the Calcutta edition.

<sup>2</sup> The date of his appointment as Amin and Sadr is recorded in Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 477, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 718.

<sup>3</sup> Tārīkh 'Ālam Ārāī 'Abbāsī, Tehran edn. p. 324.

retired from the government, and placed the crown on Yūsuf's head. When Yūsuf mounted and when he alighted from the throne, the officers and attendants waited upon him in accordance with the regulations, and testified obedience. That heretic, in accordance with the saying:

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Sovereignty is priceless even if it is for a day.

Spent three days in luxury, and then dropped the borrowed robe of life. After this in the same year every one who was suspected of heresy was put to death. Dervish Khusrau—whose ancestors had been well-diggers, and who had turned a qalandar, and joining the Naqtawīs had become their leader—though he was very cautious and no one heard any improper utterances from him—was hanged on the mere report that he was a Naqtawī. Mīr Saiyid Aḥmad Kāshī, who was followed by many of the ignorant, was split into two by the Shāh with his own sword¹. Among his books were found pamphlets dealing with Naqtawī tenets, and a rescript which Shaikh Abūl Faḍl had written to him on behalf of Emperor Akbar. Mīr Sharīf Āmulī, who was an agreeable poet, and one of the chief men of the sect, on witnessing these occurrences fled from Astrābād, and started for India. So ends this account.

It would be clear to the learned researchers that the historical anachronism in the account, as repeated above, cannot be reconciled on any grounds, and that the narrative of the 'Alam 'Arāī is based on error. The coming of the Mīr to India was before the slaying of the heretics in Irān, and there is no mention in any book of his being a poet, nor have any of his verses been heard by any one.

In short, the Mîr was lucky in his service at Emperor Akbar's court, and his influence increased daily. When in the 30th year, 993 A.H. (1586 A.D.) Mîrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm, Akbar's half brother and the ruler of Kābul, died a natural death, and that territory was

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 325.

annexed to the imperial domains, the Mīr was appointed Amīn and Ṣadr of that province. In the 36th year he was transferred to Bengāl and Bihār, and was honoured by receiving four appointments¹ there: Khalīfa (Apostleship), Amīn (Head of the Revenue Department), Ṣadr (Head of the Judiciary), and Qādī (Head of the Ecclesiastic Department). In the 43rd year he was granted Ajmēr as his fief, and Möhān—which was a pargana near Lucknow—was also added to his fief. In the siege of Āsīr in Khāndēsh he hastened from his fief to join the Emperor, and was graciously received. It is stated that he finally attained the rank of 3,000² when he died. He was buried in the village of Möhān³. It is stated that no books or papers were maintained in his establishment. He kept a list of his troopers and infantry, and every six months put the pay of each in a bag, and sent it to his respective house.

Let it not be concealed that the Naqtawīs<sup>4</sup>—who are also called Umānī and Maḥmudīya—are followers of Maḥmud of Basākhīwān which is a village in Gīlān. He appeared in the year 800 A.H. (1398 A.D.). He was learned and austere, and has left a number of works. It is stated that when the bodies became more perfect, Maḥmūd arose. They refer to the verse: "Peradventure thy Lord will raise thee to an honourable (Maḥmūdīan) station." He held the view of the point of earth (Nuqta-i-Khāk), and considered it to be the first element, and from which all other elements arose. He did not reckon heavens as outside the elements. He did not believe in the isolation of the reasonable soul. He believed in the return after death and of transmigration. This sect regards the celibate Wābid (One), and the married Amīn (Superintendent). Their salutation is Allāh

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, p. 601, translation, III, p. 916.

<sup>2</sup> But see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 601 where it is stated that he was promoted to the rank of 4000. In this connection also see Beveridge's note 3 on p. 916 of the translation.

<sup>3</sup> Mohan in the Unao district in the United Provinces.

<sup>4</sup> For a short account of Naqqawis see Hughes Dictionary of Islam, p 307 under the title Mahmūdīyah.

Allāh, and they designated their Maḥmūd as the Shakhṣ-i-Wāḥid (The only One), and regarded him as the promised Mahdī; and they say that the religion of Muḥammad, which had become obsolete, had been replaced by the religion of Maḥmūd. The following of this sect had increased vastly in the Irānian countries. When Shāh 'Abbās Ṣafavī, II, put most of these ignorant crew to death, and in every city whoever was suspected of belonging to this sect was killed; many went into exile and migrated to various countries. A few, however, who were attached to their homes, secretly followed their beliefs.

## SHARIF <u>KH</u>ĀN AMIR-UL-UMARĀ (Vol. II, pp. 625-629).

He was Khwaja 'Abd-us-Samad Shīrīn Qalam Shīrāzī, whose grandfather Khwaja Nizam-ul-Mulk was the Vazīr of Shah Shuja' of Shīrāz. When Humāyūn took leave of the Shāh of the Irān to go to Qandahār, he went on a visit to Tabrīz, and the Khwāja—who was remarkable for his skill as a painter-waited on him there; he was very graciously received. On account of various circumstances1, he was, however, unable to accompany Humāyūn. But in 956 A.H. (1549 A.D.) he waited on him in Kābul, and was received with favour2. During the reign of Emperor Akbar although he had only a rank of 400, his influence and intimacy were great, and he was honoured and trusted. It is stated that the Khwaja transcribed the Sūra Ikblās on a single grain of poppy. Muhammad Sharīf was appointed to the rank of 200. In the 34th year, when Emperor Akbar was returning from Kābul, and had halted at Safed Sang, a base fellow dishonoured a peasant's daughter and was capitally punished. It appeared that Muhammad Sharif was his confident, and had

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 220; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 444, 445, footnote 4 where other references are given.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, 292, translation, p. 552.

played a part in this episode; he was consequently censured1 and punished. As Prince Sultan Salim, owing to being his school fellow was greatly attached to him, so Emperor Akbar sent Muhammad Sharif from Burhanpur for guiding the prince to the path of loyalty, when the latter abandoning the campaign against the Rana went off to Allāhābād, and showed signs of disobedience. He, however, encouraged the prince to greater excesses, and became his Vakil. acquired such influence over the prince, that the latter unthinkingly promised that when he came to the throne he would give half his kingdom to Muhammad Sharif. Later, when the prince had the grace to go to his father, Muhammad Sharif, on account of his vile conduct, kept away, and retire into the hills. Each day he went into another defile, and spent his time in misery. The unhealthiness of the climate half killed him. Suddenly the world was filled with the news of Jahangir's accession. This gave him a new life, and in fifteen days from the accession he appeared at the Court. He was granted the title of Amīr-ul-Umarā, and appointed Vakīl. The Uzuk seal was entrusted to him, and an order was issued that whatever fief he selected should be given to him from the estates of Haidarābād.

Emperor Jahāngīr has written in his Memoirs—which were written by his own pen—"My connections with Sharīf Khān had developed to such a level that he had become a brother, a son, a friend and a companion. On the day of his ruturn, I felt as if I had a new lease of life, and really become a King. I had no title really worthy of his ability, and so I could only give him the title of Amīr-ul-Umarā, and give him the rank of a Panj-bazārī (5,000). What could I do? My father's rule was that no higher rank than this could be given. Although whatever is mine, is his<sup>3</sup>." In the beginning of the reign,

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 569; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 861.

<sup>2</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngīrī, p. 3. See also Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), II, pp. 14, 15, note 2 where the date of his arrival according to various authorities is discussed.

<sup>3</sup> This is apparently taken from the spurious edition of Tūzuk, see Price's

the Amīr-ul-Umarā represented that the Afghāns were the enemies of the Mughals, and that they should be expelled. Orders to this effect were sent throughout the dominions, but Ā'zam Khān protested and they were withdrawn on the ground that there were large numbers of them, and there was no tract without them, and that to expel them would lead to a great disturbance. The Amīr-ul-Umarā was at the head of all officers, but Ā'zam Khān, out of innate pride and haughtiness, paid no regard to his high office. One day Amīr-ul-Umarā took occasion to speak harshly to him in the open Dīvān about his being a partisan of Sulṭān Khusrau. And he said boldly to the Emperor that this man was a well wisher of Khusrau, and it was politic that he should be put to death. Afterwards, when the Emperor pardoned the offences of Mīrzā Kōka, he ordered that the latter should invite Amīr-ul-Umarā as his guest (Mahmān), and should spend a lakh of rupees in cash and goods (in entertaining him).

It is stated that when all the high officers were assembled for the feast, Mīrzā Kōka by way of raillery said to the Amīr-ul-Umarā, "Nawāb, you are not kind to me, but what love did your late father Mullā 'Abd-uṣ-Ṣamad show to me! Why all the pictures and adornments in this parlour were made by him with his own hands." As Khān Jahān and Mahābat Khān were young, they could not control their feelings, and went away. When the matter was reported to the Emperor, he said to the Amīr-ul-Umarā, "He has no control over his tongue. You should not pay heed to what he says." In the second year, he fell ill, and remained behind¹ at Lāhōre when the Emperor went to Kābul, and Vakīlship was entrusted to Āṣaf Khān Jaʿfar. Later he was appointed² to the Deccan, but he did not get on with Khān Khānān, and so was recalled to the Court. He had collected a large force, and had given advances to many. He recovered

translation (Calcutta edn. 1917), pp. 25, 26. His name in all the works is Sharif Khān instead of Muḥammad Sharif.

<sup>1</sup> Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), I, p. 82.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 156.

these advances, but kept 3,000 horses. It is stated that the disease of forgetfulness took possession of him. Whatever he said, passed out of his mind. Khān Jahān was deputed to visit him. He found him out of his senses, and reported accordingly. Emperor Jahāngīr wanted to place him in retirement. Khān Jahān submitted that he had a good number of men and was a protege of His Majesty. He should not be dismissed. He was reappointed to the Deccan, and he spent a long time there till he died a natural death. He was a good composer of verses, and was the author of a Dīvān. His nom-deplume was Fārisī: These are his verses—

#### Verse

By the might of Love we made peace with the two worlds, Be my adversary and see the spectacle of my friendship.

#### Verse

I sift the sparks of lament with the sieve of respect, Lest a harsh sound reach your ears.

Of Amīr-ul-Umarā's sons, Shahbāz Khān having attained a high office died during his father's life-time. He built a serāī at a distance of a kos from Lucknow, which bears his name. Mīrzā Gul and Mīrzā Jār Ullāh used to play dice and chess with Emperor Jahāngīr, and were his constant companions and attendants, but this state of affairs did not last after their father's death. Accordingly after the death of Aṣaf Khān, Jahāngīr ordered Jār Ullāh—who had enjoyed luxury such as no prince had—to divorce his wife Miṣrī Bēgam the daughter of Aṣaf Jāh. Out of incongruity the marrige between her and Jār Ullāh had never been consumated, and she was thereafter married to Mīrzā Lashkarī, son of Yūsuf Khān. The two brothers went with Mahābat Khān to Kābul, and died in the prime of their youth.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 231.

## SHARIF KHAN ATGA1

(Vol. II, pp. 601-603).

He was a younger brother of Shams-ud-Din Muhammad Khan Atga<sup>2</sup>, and was an officer of the rank of 3,000. After the fall of Bairam Khan, when the best areas of the Panjab were assigned in fief to the Atga Khail, Sharif Khan also received a suitable jagir in that province, and with his elder brother, Mīr Muḥammad Khān, rendered good service. In the 13th year, when the leaders of the Atga Khail were removed from the Panjab, Sharif Khan was granted a fief3 in the Sarkar of Qannauj. In the 21st year, he was deputed with a force to Möhīr4 in order that he might keep watch for the Rānā coming out of the defiles of the hills-whither that rebel had retired on the approach of the Emperor-and chastise him. Afterwards he rendered good service in the conquest of Kombalmir, and received favours. In the 25th year he was honoured by appointment as the guardian<sup>5</sup> of Prince Sultan Murad. He arranged a feast on this occasion and was honoured by a visit of the Emperor to his house. In the same year on the death of Shujā'at Khān, Governor of Mālwa, he was appointed to succeed him, and he proceeded to that province. An order was also issued for his son Baz Bahadur to leave Gujarat, and assist his father. The fief-holders of the province were also bidden to obey his instructions. In the 28th year, he was appointed with Qulīj Khān and others to assist Mīrzā Khān Khānān. When he joined the latter, the command of the right wing was assigned to him, and on the day of the battle with Muzaffar, he did good service in discharging canons and muskets. When, after the chastisement of

For his account see also Blochmann's translation of A'in (2nd edn.), pp. 415, 416.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 531-555, translation antea, pp.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 333, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 487.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 194, Ibid, p. 274.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 312.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 314, translation, p. 459.

Sultan Muzaffar of Gujarat, the Malwa officers were deputed for the conquest of the sort of Sironj, he also went there and erected batteries. On the day of the assault Nasīrā the Governor of the fort contrived to escape close to his battery, and the fort was captured. In the 30th year, he and Shihāb-ud-Dīn Ahmad Khān went to assist Khān Ā'zam, who had been appointed to the Deccan campaign. In the 35th year, he came to the Presence from Malwa, and offered his obeisance. In the 39th year, he was appointed to the charge2 of Ghaznīn-which was his home, and which he had long desired to have as his fief. Upto the 47th year he was there, after which Ghaznin was assigned to Shah Beg Khan in his place. Nothing further is known about him3. His son Baz Bahadur had received a fief in Gujarat, and was enrolled as an auxiliary of the province. In the 25th year, he was attached to his father's contingent, and granted a fief in Malwa. the 44th year, when Emperor Akbar personally went for the conquest of Asir, he and other officers went ahead to invest it. Later he was appointed to Ahmadnagar, and was one of the Deccan auxiliaries. In the 46th year, he was taken prisoner4 in the battle with the men of Telingana. When 'Allami Shaikh Abul Fadl, due to the exigencies of the time, arranged an armistice, the prisoners on both the sides were released; he also on release joined the royal forces.

### (SAIF-UD-DAULAH SAIYID) SHARĪF <u>KH</u>ĀN BAHĀDUR

(Vol. II, pp. 517-520).

He was Shujā'at Jang Mīr 'Abdur Raḥīm, son of Saiyid Sharīf Khān Mīr 'Abdul Karīm, son of Mīr Saiyid Muḥammad Qannaujī. Mīr Saiyid Muḥammad was known among the Saiyids of the place by

- 1 Op. cit., p. 438; translation, p. 657.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 654; translation, p. 1004.
- 3 In the 47th year Shāh Bēg Khān was appointed to succeed him in Ghaznīn, vide Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 815; translation, III, p. 1223.
  - 4 Op. cit., p. 796; translation, p. 1194.

the title of Rasūldār; he had through diligent studies at home acquired a position for himself. When Shah Jahan was living in retirement in the fort of Agra, he—as he was always fond of the society of learned men, and of history-requested Aurangzib to send the said Mir to him. For nearly eight years, which Shah Jahan spent in this fort, the Mir was in constant attendance. It is stated that Shah Jahan was specially pleased with his discourse one day, and expressed his appreciation of The Mir said that he had a boon to beg which, he hoped, would be granted. On being asked to explain, the Mir said, what he wanted was the pardon of Aurangzib. Shah Jahan granted this, and wrote a letter to Aurangzib conveying his pardon. On this account Aurangzib always regarded Mir's rights as deserving of his personal consideration. Saiyid Amjad Khān and Saiyid Sharīf Khān, his sons received suitable ranks and were promoted. The first had the title of Khan, and in the 13th year of the reign was appointed2 Censor of the camp after the death of Qadi Muhammad Husain. In time, he rose to the high office of Sadr Kull. The second was exalted with the title of Saiyid Sharif Khan, and in the 30th year, when during the siege of Golconda there was extreme commotion, was appointed Krori of the market for the imperial forces, and earned a good name by bringing down the prices. Later he was appointed to collect poll-tax in the four Sabahs of the Deccan,3 which had been under his jurisdiction from earlier days, but Shujā'at Jang was in-charge of the collection of poll-tax in the Berar Suba at the end of Emperor Aurangzib's reign. In the time of Jahandar Shah-when unknown persons were given charge of various cities-he was appointed as deputy of one of them for the government of Agra. About the end of Muhammad Shah's reign, he was in straightened circumstances, and therefore migrated to the Deccan with Asaf Jah. He received a fief in Berar, and was appoint-

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 348; also p. 379 where a short account of Mir Saiyid Muḥammad is given. See also Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzih, III, p. 138,

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīri, p. 98.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 298.

ed Bakhshi of the troopers. In 1159 A.H. (1746 A.D.) he was promoted to the post of the Deputy Governor of Berar. He besieged two or three forts of some malcontents, and having reduced them was able to establish his authority firmly in the Suba. After the death of Asaf Jah, Nāsir Jang added the title of Shujā'at Jang to his other titles. In the time of Muzaffar Jang he was granted the title of Saif-ud-Daulah. He died in 1164 A.H. (1751 A.D.). He was a good and amiable person, with a very agreeable mode of address, and used to spend his time in the study of laws and the precepts (of Prophet Muhammad). In his assemblies singing and dancing were prohibited. He was distinguished for his courage, but was not well versed in business matters. His son, Sadr-ud-Din Muhammad Khān, who succeeded to his father's titles, was for a time the Governor of Daulatabad. He died in 1177 A.H. (1763-64 A.D.). He was a simple minded man. He left two sons, the elder had the hereditary titles, and the second was known as Saiyid Muhammad. They jointly held in fief the pargana of Kothal in the Suba of Berar, but as it yields little, they were in straightened circumstances.

## SHARIF-UL-MULK HAIDARĀBĀDĪ

(Vol. II, pp. 688-690).

He was the brother-in-law of Abūl Ḥasan Qutb Shāh, the ruler of Ḥaidarābād. Prince Bahādur Shāh 'Ālam was appointed with Khān Jahān and a large army to punish Abūl Ḥasan—who, in Emperor Aurangazīb's opinion for various reasons¹ had to be exterminated, and when later, in the 29th year, there were repeated fights with the forces of Abūl Ḥasan, and all the strongholds of those ignorant people were destroyed and taken, and he was pursued to Ḥaidarābād, Muḥammad Ibrāhīm, his general, joined the imperial² forces as they reached

<sup>1</sup> See Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, IV, pp. 338-341 for a detailed account of the position.

<sup>2 &</sup>lt;u>Kh</u>āfī <u>Kh</u>ān, II, p. 306.

the outskirts of the city. In the early part of the night Abūl Ḥasan losing heart left Chatar Maḥal—which had been skilfully and elegantly completed by expert architects—and taking with him his ladies, and what jewels, Asharfīs and bāns they could carry, withdrew into the fort of Gōlconda. A great tumult ensued. High officers took their wives and children by the hand, and went off on foot to the fort. Early in the morning plunderers in the city and camp fell upon the houses of the people, and carried off krores upon krores worth of goods and cash from Abūl Ḥasan's magazines, the effects of the traders and the property of the gentry. The honour of great and small was besmirched, and most of Abūl Ḥasan's servants willingly or unwillingly left him, and became the King's servants. At this time, or according to some authority, at the beginning of this affair, Sharīf-ul-Mulk joined royal service, and with his two sons, Hidāyat Ullāh and 'Ināyat Ullāh did homage in Shōlāpūr.

In accordance with the recommendation of the prince, he was given the rank of 3,000, ten thousand rupees in cash and other gifts. During the last days of the siege of Gölconda, in the close of the 30th year, on 24th Sha'bān, 1098 A.H. (25th June, 1687 A.D.) he died. His sons were consoled by the grant of mourning dresses. About the same time Iftikhār Khān, his son who was the sister's son of Abūl Ḥasan, did homage, and received² the rank of 3,000 with 1,000 horse. Hidāyat Ullāh was granted the title of Hidāyat Khān. He was not without perfections and eloquence, and had a poetical vein. He was appointed Khānsāmān of Muḥammad Ā'zam Shāh. It is said that Ni'mat Khān Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥājī—who had lashed many officers with his tongue, and never withheld his hand from satire; he did not spare even Emperor Aurangzīb—thus repaid for what he had received.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 306,307 for a detailed account on which apparently the Maathir version is based.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'ālamgiri, p. 297.

#### Verse1

He is so strong at sitting that to move him, No other man can manage it, only God can!

When he wrote this satire on Hidayat Khan, the said Khan, in accordance with the maxim:

"A stone is the reply to the clod thrower" composed a quatrain of which the following is the second couplet:

#### Verse

The son, the wife and the family of that wittol<sup>2</sup>, Are a dish of varied dainties. After receiving this quatrain he did not retaliate.

### SHAYISTA KHAN AMIR-UL-UMARA

(Vol. II, pp. 690-706).

He was the worthy son and heir of Yamīn-ud-Daula Āṣaf Khān³. His name was Mīrzā Abū Ṭālib. In the time of the usurpation of authority by Mahābat Khān, he and his father were under restraint by him. When the juggling heavens drove that audacious one from the Presence, he sent Āṣaf Khān to the Court to ask pardon for his actions. He, however, kept Abū Ṭālib for somedays in captivity lest a force might be sent against him, and then let him depart. He came and kissed the threshold⁴. In the 21st year of Emperor Jahāngīr's reign, he received the title of Shāyista Khān. In the beginning of the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān, he and his father came from

- The point of the verse appears to be that Hidayat Khan was proud, and would not get up to greet people.
- and for dainties کس کش and for dainties نعمت the latter involving a play on Ni'mat Khān's name. برخراك may also mean to summon, but this would not serve in the context.
- 3 For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 151-160, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 287,295.
  - 4 Iqbalnama-i-Jahangiri, pp. 267,277,278.

Lāhōre, and paid their respects, and he was raised to the rank of 5,000 with 4,000 horse. The generally held view, that Shāyista Khān was appointed to the rank of 5,000 from the day of his birth, is not authentic. It appears, however, that out of regard for his father and grandfather, he was in his early childhood granted the rank of 500. On the same score he received further promotions one after the other, until in his early youth he attained a high rank. In the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān he was appointed as leader and commander and in the 3rd year, when three large armies were despatched from Burhānpūr for the elimination of Khān Jahān and the chastisement of the Nizām Shāhīs, he was appointed as the leader of one of these forces. As the command of all the armies was entrusted to A'zam Khān, Governor of the Deccan, and Shāyista Khān could not work in unison with him, he was recalled to the Presence<sup>3</sup>.

When, in the 9th year, Emperor Shah Jahan took up his quarters at the Daulatābād fort, Shāyista Khān, Ilāhwardī Khān and other officers were sent off to free the country of Sangamnir and other ports in that territory, which were in the possession of Shahu Bhonsle. Shayista Khan went to Sangamnir, and delivered the parganas of the area from the possession of Shahu's son Shivaji and other sedition mongers and stationed a force in each fort. After capturing many famous and important forts and making proper arrangements for the government of the territory he hastened to Junair, As Shivaji had after leaving his father suitably strengthened the fort, it could not be taken easily, Shayista Khan thereupon taking possession of the city and the adjacent district, returned. In a short time he had added two fine Sarkars with a revenue of two krots and 60 lacs of dams, and consisting of 17 mahals, to the imperial domain. In the 10th year Khān Zamān, who, as deputy of Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahadur, had charge of the Balaghat, Deccan, died. As it was

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 180.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 294.

<sup>4.</sup> Rādshāhnāma, I. pt. ii, p. 132.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 302,

essential to send in place of Khan Zaman a high official, who, during the absence of the prince, should as his deputy be at Daulatābād, and carry on the administration, Shayista Khan was sent1 in advance of the prince who had proceeded to the Court for a marriage ceremony. In the 12th year he was appointed Governor of the province of Behar and Patna<sup>2</sup> in succession to 'Abdullah Khan. In the 15th year, he led a force against Pratap, the land-owner of Palaun (Palamau) and a notable person of that territory, and having devastated his domains made him submit. In the 18th year, when the province of Allāhābād was taken from him, and assigned in fief to Dārā Shikōh, he was appointed4 Governor of Malwa. When in the 20th year, Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur was summoned from Ahmadābād, Gujarāt, for the management of the countries of Balkh and Badakhshān, Shāyista Khān was given charge of Gujarāt. As in spite of Shāyista Khān having a rank of 5,000 with 5,000 horse, 2-horse, 3-horse, and also having an annual allowance of 5 lacs of rupees from the general treasury of the province for 3,000 Sibbandi (local militia) horsemen, he could not properly control the sedition mongers in the province, and this had become apparent repeatedly from his own reports, he, in the beginning of the 22nd year, was re-appointed Governor of Malwa5, and the province of Ahmadābād was assigned to Prince Dārā Shikōh as his fief. In the 23rd year he was appointed in succession to Prince Murad Bakhsh, to the four provinces of the Deccan, and later was re-appointed to Gujarat. In the 27th year, when that province was assigned to Murad Bakhsh, he returned to the Court. In the 28th year, he was again sent o Malwa as the Governor. In the 29th year, when Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur, Governor of the Deccan, at the request of Mir Jumla, proceeded to Haidarābād to deliver his son and belongings, and to chastise Qutb Shah, Shayista

1 Op. cit., p. 271.

2 Bādsbābnāma, II, p. 136.

3 Op. cit., p. 248.

4 Op, cit., p. 425,

5 'Amal Sālih, III, p. 64.

6 Op. cit., p. 102.

7 Op. cit., p. 149, this appointment was made in the 26th year.

8 Op cit., p. 182.

9 Op. cit., p. 201.

Khan, in compliance with the orders of the Emperor, went to assist him with a large contingent1 of the Malwa troops. He was unable to develop close association with the prince while serving under him in the time of the siege. After the termination of this expedition in the 30th year, he returned to his post and as a reward for his service, on the recommendation of the prince, was promoted to the rank of 6,000 with 6,000 horse—2-horse, 3-horse, and granted the high title of Khan Jahan2. When, in the same year, Muhammad Aurangzib Bahadur with the Deccan armies was deputed to chastise the 'Adil Shāhīs, Khān Jahān was directed to proceed immediately to Daulatābād. and to remain's there till the prince's return. When in the 31st year, 1067 A.H. (1657 A.D.), Emperor Shah Jahan fell ill of strangury, and the administration of the country devolved on the heir apparent, Prince Dārā Shikōh, he, out of evil design and intentions, recalled the Deccan auxiliaries to the Presence even before the Bijapur campaign had been completed. Shayista Khan also returned to Malwa. As that province is adjacent to the Deccan, and Dara Shikoh had other plans, he did not deem it proper to leave Khan Jahan-whose attachment and association with Prince Aurangzib were well known-in charge of that area; he was consequently recalled to the Court and Mahārāja Jasvant Singh appointed as the Governor of Ujjain. After the defeat of the Mahārāja by Aurangzīb, when Emperor Shāh Jahān heard that the latter was advancing towards the Capital, he thought that if he were to march out in person, there was the possibility that there would be no actual fighting—as in the opposing forces (of Aurangzīb) also most of the men were imperial servants, and probably they would not draw their swords against their master. But Dara Shikoh, who regarded the enterprise as an easy one, and believed himself capable of managing it alone, by persistent representation prevented the Emperor from marching out. In this connection, he had a

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 222

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 230, but the number of his 2-horse, 3-horse troopers is given there as 5,000 and not 6,000 as in the text.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 235,236.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 284, 295.

consultation with Khān Jahān; and the latter either to keep on good terms with Dārā Shikōh, or because he was a partisan of Muhammad Aurangzīb, and felt that he would be successful, also dissuaded (Shāh from marching out. After the defeat of Dārā Shikōh, it became clear that this would have been the best course, and that what took place was in accordance with a plan. Emperor Shāh Jahān was angry, struck Shāyista Khān on the breast with the head of his staff, and reproached him for his treacherous advice. In accordance with the letters of Dārā Shikōh, and at the instance of the interested parties, he ordered him to be placed under restraint. After two days he was released, and his advice was again asked; he repeated what he had said before. It is evident too that at this stage movement would have been ineffectual. Emperor Shāh Jāhān had his advance camp made ready, but as the affair had got out of hand, even his marching (against Aurangzīb) would have been of no avail.

In short, Khan Jahan was honoured by paying his respects to 'Alamgir in the Nür Manzil Garden. After repeated messages through Fādil Khān Khānsāmān on behalf of Emperor Shāh Jahān to the Prince of the lucky star, Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur, the Begam Sāhiba came to her brother, and conveyed her father's message to the effect that the Panjab with the areas appertaining to it might be given to Dārā Shikōh, Gujarāt as hitherto should remain under Murad Bakhsh, the Deccan be assigned to Sultan Muhammad, the eldest son of Aurangzib, and the high office of the heir apparent, the title of Buland Iqbal and the complete control of the rest of the imperial territories be transferred to Aurangzīb; and that he should wait on the Emperor Shah Jahan and endeavour to please him. Aurangzib refused to consider the proposals and said, "I cannot wait on the Emperor till the affair of Dara Shikoh is liquidated." The Begam Sahiba returned sorrowfully, and reported the result to the Emperor; this added to the vexation and concern of the latter. At last, on the third

<sup>1</sup> Khāfī Khān, II, p. 21.

day after much discussions, Aurangzīb resolved to wait on his honoured father; and with this noble intention he rode from the Bāgh Dahra. As the Divine decree was contrary to this action, Khān Jahān and Shaikh Mīr came after him and represented that the proposed plan was far from politic, and there was no necessity for Aurangzīb putting himself into a dangerous situation when he had got under his control the servants of the fort, and the thread of authority had dropped out of the hands of the Emperor Shāh Jahān.

Meanwhile, when Aurangzib returned after listening to the words of his well wishers, Nahar Dil Chela arrived, and produced the letter, which Emperor Shah Jahan had written with his own hand to Dārā Shikōh, and had entrusted it to Nahār Dil in order that he might quickly convey it to Dara Shikoh at Shahjahanabad, and bring back an answer. The purport of the letter was that Dārā Shikōh should collect troops, and consolidate his position at Delhi, and that meanwhile Shah Jahan would himself dispose off the matter here (at Agra), Accordingly the advice of Khan Jahan was approved of, and the proposed visit put off, and as appeared imperative Aurangzīb set off in pursuit of Dārā Shikōh from Agra towards Delhi. At the stage of Mathura, Khan Jahanwho, in consequence of the offence referred to earlier, had been deprived of his rank and fief-was appointed to the rank of 7,000 with 7,000 2-horse, 3-horse troopers. He was further honoured with the grant of the title of Amīr-ul-Umarā and a pargana yielding a revenue of two krors of dams was assigned to him in recognition2 (of his services). When Sulaiman Shikoh, the eldest son of Dara Shikoh, returned from the Eastern districts, and on hearing of his father's defeat hastened on the other side of the Ganges towards Hardwar, and planned to proceed by way of Saharanpur to the Panjab

I For a detailed account see Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, I, II, pp. 422-425. The name of the slave courier is Nāhir Dil and not Bāhir Dil as in the text.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Ālamgīrnāma, p. 130.

to join his father, the Amīr-ul-Umarā1 was deputed to check him. That fortunate one went off as a vagabond to the hill country of Srīnagar (Garhwāl) and took refuge with the Zamīndar of the territory. In compliance with the orders the Amir-ul-Umara retutned from the banks of the Ganges to Akbarābād (Agra), and in the service of Prince Muhammad Sultan remained in-charge of the government of that When Muhammad Sultan went off in advance to encounter Shah Shuja', the Amīr-ul-Umara remained in sole charge of that area. When, in the battle3 with Shuja4 Raja Jasvant Singh wickedly and with the perverse intention of upsetting affairs in the end of the night immediately preceding the day on which the battle took place, decamped from Aurangzīb's camp with other Rājpūts, and took the road to Agra, this sudden affliction resulted in so great confusion and discord in the forces that even the loyalties of tried soldiers, who had rendered valuable services in many campaigns, were shaken, and several of them selecting the path of disloyalty deserted. The distressing news that Shah Shuja' having made Emperor 'Alamgir prisoner was advancing towards Agra gained so wide a currency, that the Amīr-ul-Umarā accepted this false report as true, and becoming confused thought of retiring towards the In his bewilderment he represented to Fādil Khān the Khānsāmān, who was still in the service of Shāh Jahān, the claims of the Asaf Jah family, and begged that the Emperor might forgive his offences. That prudent and experienced official endeavoured to comfort Amīr-ul-Umarā and added that he should remain quiet till the morning, as perhaps trustworthy news would be received by that time. Later, it turned out that the brave and steadfast 'Alamgir had with a limited force defeated Shuja, and gained the victory. After this God-given victory, when Aurangzīb reached Agra, and then started for Ajmer to fight Dara Shikoh, the Amīr-ul-Umara went in

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 159, also see Khāfī Khān, II, p. 41.

<sup>2</sup> Khāfi Khān, II, p. 42.

<sup>3</sup> Battle of Khajūhā, 14th January, 1659.

attendance1. After the second coronation, in 1069 A.H. (July, 1659 A.D.), in the 2nd year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign, he was exalted by being allowed to beat2 his drums in the Presence-a great favour, which in the times of Shah Jahan and Jahangir was enjoyed only by his father and grandfather respectively. About this time, he was appointed Governor3 of the Deccan in succession to Prince Muhammad Mu'azzam. The Amīr-ul-Umarā after his arrival in the Deccan proceeded on 25th Jummada I, 1070 A.H. (28th January, 1660 A.D.) to put down Shivaji and to capture his forts. Shivaji, on account of the confusion in the government of Bijapur, and following the assassination of Afdal Khan, the chief officer of the 'Adil Shāhīs, had taken possession of many forts and posts, and had placed obstacles in the way of pilgrims proceeding by sea to Mecca. had also not abstained from devastating the imperial territories. Amīr-ul-Umarā marched out from Aurangābād, and suitably punished his men wherever they offered battle, and established thanas in suitable localities in Shivaji's territories. This was the beginning of the Maratha affair. As the rainy season had arrived, he spent somedays in the city of Poona, and took the fort of Chakan, which was one of the strong forts of the Konkan and belonged to the Nizam Shahi On account of the confusion in the 'Adil Shahi affairs, Shivājī had taken possession of it. As it was near the imperial territory, the Amīr-ul-Umarā regarding its capture as an essential part of the campaign, and assigned this task due priority. When he reached the foot of the fort, he carefully inspected the neighbourhood with a view to placing his batteries and strenuously carried on operations in connection with the erection of bastions and laying of mines. For fifty six days in spite of constant rain and heavy storms he carried on the siege with cannon and muskets. At last the mine which extended to the bastion opposite the Amīr-ul-Umara's battery was filled with gun-powder, and set fire to. The bastion was blown up,

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 294.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 394, 395.

and portions of it flew into the air like startled pigeons. The victorious troops were in readiness, and believing in Divine protection altogether fell on the fort. The day closed during the fight, but the heroes would not think of retiring, and bravely spent the night at the foot of the fort. In the morning they renewed their attack, and entering the city wall captured the fort on 18th Dhul Hijja of the 3rd year of the reign (15th August, 1660 A.D.). Those, who escaped the sword took refuge in the citadel. As they saw that it was beyond their resources to defend it, they asked for quarter and came out. By the Emperor's orders the fort was renamed Islāmābād¹.

After this conquest the territory of Shivaji was overrun by the victorious troops, but that subtle strategist retreated into the inaccessi-The Amīr-ul-Umarā took up his quarters in Poona in a house which had been built by Shivajr. Meanwhile that resourceful schemer arranged for a night attack, and sent a party of men to the place. An order of the day at the time had been issued that without a signed permit, no one was to be allowed to enter the camp or the city, and an ordinance had also laid down that Marathas on horseback should not be allowed entry. A number of footmen of their tribe in the beginning of the 6th year on the pretext of the marriage of their party obtained from the Kotwal a permit for the admission of 200 Marathas. At night they entered the city on the pretext of marriage beating drums, and next day, they brought a number of men with their hands tied and beating them saying that they were enemy partisans whom they had made prisoners near the post (thana). Next night at midnight these miscreants came to the kitchen behind the female appartments, and put to the sword whosoever they encountered. They opened up a window which had been blocked with mud and bricks. Some pages (khawwāṣān) of the Zenāna, who were awakened by the noise of the spades and pick-axes, went and reported to the

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, pp. 585-587; Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 33. The orders in regard to the change of name of the fort are not mentioned in any of the two works. Also see Jadunath Sarkar, Shivaji and His Times, pp. 79-81 (1929).

Amīr-ul-Umarā. He said that it was the month of fasting (Ramadān), the cooks and other servants of the kitchen had probably got up to prepare the early morning meal. When, however, the report was repeated, the Amīr-ul-Umarā got bewildered, and rose up taking his bow and arrow and lance in his hands. One of the assailants struck him with a sword and this cut off his index-tinger. His young son Abul Fath Khan, who exerted himself in the fight, was killed. The women dragged the Amīr-ul-Umarā to one side. These noises resulted in the men outside rushing in, and they finished the business of those who had not completed their work (i.e. killed the inmates of the house). As this night affair was a proof of the carelessness on the part of that high official, and was also indicative of lack of vigilance, which could not be condoned by the administration, he was censured by the Emperor, and the governorship of the Deccan was transferred to Prince Muhammad Mu'azzam. He was appointed to administer<sup>2</sup> Bengal where Mir Jumla had just died. As the turbulent men of Arrācān—who are generally designated as the Magh tribe—had meanwhile siezing the opportunity invaded the borders of Bengal, and had taken away as prisoners the inhabitants of some villages, the Amīr-ul-Umarā decided that the only way of checking their activities was to capture the fort of Chittagong-which is on the border of Arrācān—and so addressed himself to this task. He despatched his son Buzurg Umed Khan with a force, and he after much fighting captured the strong fort of Chittagong in the end of the 8th year, and renamed<sup>3</sup> it Islamabad.

The Amīr-ul-Umarā was long engaged in administering<sup>4</sup> Bengāl province, and when in the 20th year A'zam Khān Kōka was appointed to this charge<sup>5</sup>, he put on the pilgrim's robe, and in the 21st year waited upon the Emperor, and presented a tribute of 30 lakhs of

For a critical account see Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp. 88-93.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 848; Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 45.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 54.

<sup>4</sup> Riyad-us-Salātīn, Text, pp. 222,223.

<sup>5</sup> Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 159.

rupees, 4 lakhs of jewels and other goods. One of the rarities was a mirror to which a water-nielon was attached; when it dried, water trickled from it. There was also a box to one end of which an elephant was attached, and to the other end a goat. The elephant could not draw it, but the goat drew both the box and the elephant. The Amīr-ul-Umarā was awarded the staff made of jade, which the Emperor had in his hand, and other presents. An order was issued that this leader of the officials should bring his palanquin into the Ghusulkhāna, and that he should beat his drum after that of the Emperor<sup>1</sup>. In the same year he was appointed Governor of Akbarābād2. In the end of the 22nd year he was again appointed to Bengal in succession to Prince Muhammad A'zam, who in compliance with orders had hurriedly started for the Court. After a few years, he was reappointed Governor of the Capital, Agra He lived with a good reputation upto the day of his death, and died3 in the beginning of the 38th year in 1105 A.H. (1694 A.D.).

Few Amīrs in any of the reigns equalled him in good qualities and virtues. With all his grandeur and greatness which he had acquired and even a much smaller degree of which would have raised the pride of others to the highest heavens—he was extremely gentle, amiable, courteous and humane. His liberality and charities were famed throughout the world. The marks of his beneficence in building serāis, mosques and bridges—on which he spent lakhs—are patent in all parts of India. The poor and needy in distant quarters benefitted from his charities. The property, which after his death, was escheated to the Crown, was beyond conception. Though, repeatedly, articles, such as gold and silver vessels, have been taken for royal use, there are still numerous locked rooms in the Agra fort full of his goods. Strange stories are current about

<sup>1</sup> Based on Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, p. 161.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 168.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 368.

the abundance of his goods and stores. From a reliable source, it has been heard that once when Emperor Aurangzīb was hunting, some wax was cailed for. The collectors of the Exchequer and of the parganas in the neighbourhood, who had been ordered to procure it, reported that as it was the rainy season, not a grain could be procured. The Khānsāmān represented that wax was not to be had anywhere, but it was reported that there was some wax available in the stores of the Amīr-ul-Umarā at Delhī. An order was issued that they should borrow some to meet the urgent requirements. When the order was transmitted to the agent of the Amīr-ul-Umarā, and as it would have taken a long time to have the permission of his master who was in Bengal and it was impossible to wait, the agent offered 200 maunds of wax, and one or two thousand articles of wax, each weighing 2-3 maunds, on his own account, and excused himself by saying that in the absence of his master, he could not venture to give more. It became known that wells had been dug for storing wax, and that during the hot weather water was filled in them to keep the wax from melting. From this an idea may be formed of the extent of his possessions. By Emperor Jahangir's orders, the daughter of Shah Nawaz Khan, son of Abdur Rahim Khan Khanan, was married to him. But all his children were born of concubines. The name of 'Aqidat Khan his son was Abu Talib. In the 2nd year of Emperor Aurangzib's reign, when his father was the Governor of the Deccan, he had charge of Daulatabad1. He died early. Another son was Abul Fath Khan who was killed during the nightattack of Shivaji Bhonsle. Whoever of them distinguished himself has been noticed in this work. One of his daughters was married to Rüh Ullah Khan I2, and another to Dhulfiqar Khan Nusrat Jang<sup>3</sup>.

Shāyista Khān Amīr-ul-Umarā

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, p. 309.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 93.

# SHER AFGAN <u>KH</u>ĀN 'ALI QULĪ BEG (Vol. II, pp. 622-625).

He was an Istāljū,¹ and was the table-servant of Shāh Ismāīl, II, the ruler of Irān. After the latter's death he migrated to India by way of Qandahār. At Multān, he joined Khān Khānān, the Commander-in-chief who was marching against Tatta (Sindh), and at the recommendation of the Commander-in-chief, he in his absence was enlisted in imperial service; he performed good deeds, and showed great courage. When Khān Khānān returned victorious after this expedition, Shēr Afgan, at his request, was appointed to a suitable post. At the same time, Emperor Akbar gave him in marriage Mihr-un-Nisā, the daughter of Ghiyāth Bēg of Ţehrān, who was serving as the Dīwān-i-Biutāt (Master of the Household).

It is stated that Mīrzā Ghiyāth's wife always used to go to the feasts and entertainments in the palace, and that Mihr-un-Nisā, whose name became Nur Jahan later on-often used to accompany her mother. By a strange chance, Prince Salīm—who had reached the age of adolescence-fell in love with her, and when this feeling became known in the harem, the Emperor also secretly became aware of it. He immediately gave her in marriage to 'Alī Qulī Bēg. When the Prince was sent to the expedition against the Rana, 'Alī Qulī Bēg was appointed to accompany him. The prince greatly favoured him, and gave him the title of Sher Afgan Khan. After his accession, he made him the fief-holder of Burdwan-which is a tract between Bengal and Orissa—and as he was an able man, he distinguished himself in this office, and proved to be a good Governor. When Emperor Jahangir sent off Qutb-ud-Din Kökaltash to be the Governor of Bengal, he said one or two words to him about Sher Afgan, who learnt about this from the letter of his agent, and became apprehensive. He knew that there was something behind it (lit. "there was a saucer below the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Istāljū or Ustāljū, a Turkish tribe of Transcaucasia, see Blochmann's translation of A'in (2nd edn.), p. 687.

cup"—a well known proverb). From that day he left off his accoutrements (yarāq), and said to the Recorder and the Emperor's officers that he now was no longer a servant of the Emperor. When Quebud-Dīn rapidly marched to Burdwān in the 2nd year, Shēr Afgan Khān, who was encamped outside, went off to welcome him.

It is said that at the time of leave-taking his mother fixed the helmet on his head and said, "Ere your mother weeps make his mother weep"; and having kissed his head and eyes gave him leave to go. Though he was not at ease about the guile and trickery of Kōkaltāsh, but for the present the latter's messages had given him confidence. Being a doomed man he left his troops outside the camp, and went off for the interview, attended by only two troopers one of whom was an eunuch. When from the attitude and talk of the Kōkaltāsh, it became clear that treachery was intended, he anticipated matters and killed Quṭb-ud-Dīn Khān. As the Kōkaltāsh's men had surrounded him, they did not let him depart. The chronogram of his death is "Mazlum" (Victim—1016 A.H., 1607 A.D.)<sup>1</sup>.

What they say about Sher Afgan is that in spite of his numerous wounds every one of which was fatal, he by extraordinary exertion and to safeguard his honour reached his home, and wanted to kill his wife; his (or her) mother indicated by weeping and lamenting and saying that his wife had thrown herself into a well, and that thereupon he gave up the ghost, is contrary to Iqbālnāma-i-Jabāngīrī<sup>2</sup>. After this occurence, Shaikh Ghiyāth, the sister's son of Qutb-ud-Dīn Khān, brought Mihr-un-Nisā with the daughter and son of Shēr Afgan, and his property to the Court. For a time, she was in disgrace owing to her husband having killed the Emperor's foster-brother. When Emperor Jahāngīr married her, the daughter<sup>3</sup> she had borne to Shēr

I For a critical study of the Sher Afgan story see Beni Prasad, History of Jahangir, pp. 170-182. For an account of Quib-ud-Din's tomb etc. see Blochmann, Journ, As. Soc. Bengal, XL, pt. i (1871), p. 252.

<sup>2</sup> Iqbalnama-i-Jahangiri, pp. 54-56.

<sup>3</sup> Her name was Ladili Bēgam; for account of her marriage see Beni Prasad, op. cit., p. 320 where other references are given.

Afgan was given in marriage to Sultān Shahariyār, the youngest son of the Emperor. On this account, she had enmity with the heir-apparent, Shāh Jahān, and there was great commotion, as has been related in detail on various pages of this work.

### SHER <u>KH</u>AN (Vol. II, pp. 651-654).

He was also known as Nāhir Khān Tonwar. His ancestors were hereditary servants of the Faruqi family of Khandesh. His father was killed while he was yet a child. Raja 'Alī Khan Faruqī cherished the orphan in his early days. Later, through his innate capacity and good luck coming into play he joined Khān Jahān Lodī. The latter extended him his patronage and trained him; in a short time he got a mansab in the imperial service and was appointed to Gujarat. When a rupture took place between Emperor Jahangir and the Prince heirapparent, the Deputy Governorship of Gujarat was assigned to 'Abdul-The latter on his behalf appointed an indifferent eunuch to defend the city of Ahmadabad. Nahir Khan at the instigation and written requests of Mīrzā Şafī Saif Khān—who at the time was the Dīvān of Gujarāt—came suddenly from his fief to Ahmadābād, and with Saif Khan took possession of the city. 'Abdullah Khan heard of it at Mandu, and hurriedly marched for giving battle. Nahir Khān, who commanded Saif Khān's vanguard, engaged him, and through Divine aid was successful. As a reward for this signal service the Emperor granted him the rank of 3,000 with 2,500 horse and the title of Sher Khan1.

After Emperor Jahangir's death, when the royal cortege of Shah Jahan reached the borders of Gujarat, a petition was received from Sher Khan expressing his loyalty and devotion, and a warning about the misguided directions of Saif Khan, the Governor of the province.

<sup>1</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), II, pp. 267,268. His rank there is, however, given as 3,000 with 2,000 horse.

As the disloyalty of Saif Khan was already patent to all, the sincerity of the petition of Sher Khan was accepted. Emperor Shah Jahan granted him royal favours, and by sending him the welcome news of his appointment as the Governor of Gujarat made him a zealous He was ordered to take possession of Ahmadabad, and servant. place Saif Khān under surveillance. When the Emperor halted at Mahmūdābād, which is some 12 kos distant from Ahmadābād, Sher Khan presented himself with a force. When on the 17th Rabī' II, 1037 A.H. (16th December, 1627 A.D.) Emperor Shah Jahan encamped at the Kakariya tank in the vicinity of the city, Sher Khan was raised to the rank of 5,000 with 5,000 horse, and appointed Governor of Gujarat. In the year when Shah Jahan went to Burhanpur to extirpate Khan Jahan Lodi, and Khwaja Abul Hasan Tarbatī was deputed to take Nāsik and Sangamnīr, it was arranged that till the arrival of Sher Khan from Gujarat, the Khwaja should spend the rainy season at Fort Lalang. The Khwaja halted at Dhuliya until Sher Khan could join him. As soon as Sher Khan arrived, he was appointed to attack Chandaur. He plundered that territory right and left and returned with abundant booty. Thereafter, he helped the Khwaja in annexing and administering the area. In the 4th year,2 1040 A.H. (1630-31 A.D.) he died. He was a great military leader, and had a very gentle personality. He was not very liberal, but he was very indulgent to his soldiers. He paid their wages month by month. In his contingent there were no fines for absences. He was a heavy drinker, but he indulged in drinking only with the members of his household. Strange as it may seem, with all his wealth and grandeur he pesonally attended to the animal feeds; he used to say, "I know it is shameful, but I cannot help my nature". Of his sons, Yasin Khan and Shamsher Khan rose high during their father's lifetime, but they did not survive for any length of time. The first, who had the rank of 1,500 with 1,000 horse, died in the 8th year. The name of the third son was Dilawar Khan.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pr. i, p. 126.

#### SHER KHAN SAIYID SHIHAB BARAH

(Vol. II, pp. 667, 668).

He was the son of Saiyid 'Izzat Khan of Jahangir's time. In the 10th year of the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan, he had attained the rank of 800 foot with 600 horse, and in the 13th year was granted an increase of 200. In the 19th year, he was deputed with Sultan Murad Bakhsh for the conquest of Balkh and Badakhshan, and at the time of departure was granted a dress of honour and a horse. In the 22nd year, he accompanied Sultan Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahadur on the Qandahar Campaign, and after reaching there he was sent towards Bust with Rustam Khan to assist Qulij Khan. In the battle against the Iranians he distinguished himself by his valiant deeds. 23rd year, he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 1,500 foot with 600 horse. In the 25th year he was honoured by the grant of a dress of honour and a horse with a silver saddle, and again accompanied the said Prince to the same area. In the 26th year, he went on the same expedition in attendance on Sultan Dara Shikoh. In the 27th year through promotion he was raised to the rank of 2,000 foot with 700 horse. In the 28th year he accompanied Jumlat-ul-Mulk Sa'd Ullah Khan to destroy the fortifications of Chittor, and in the 30th year, he started with Mu'azzam Khan for the Deccan where he was sent to serve under Sultan Aurangzib Bahadur; there he rendered valuable services. In the 31st year on being summoned to the Presence, he did homage. His rank was increased to 2,500 foot with 1,200 horse, and he was granted the title of Sher Khan1; his heart's desire was fulfilled by his appointment as the Faujdar of Mandesūr. In the battle of Samūgarh he was with Dārā Shikōh, but when the latter was defeated and fled, he took service with Aurangzib2. In the battle' with Sultan Shuja', he and Dhulfiqar Khan Muhammad. Beg were with the artillery in front of the vanguard.

<sup>1</sup> Amal Ṣāliḥ. III, p. 272. 2 Alamgirnāma, p. 115.

<sup>3</sup> In the battle of Khajuhā, 'Alamgirnāma, p. 245.

# SHER KHAN TARIN (Vol. II, pp. 654-658).

He was the Zamindar of Füshanj which in Arabic is known as Pūshang; it is a village between Qandahār and Bhakkar. The ancestors of Sher Khan were imperial servants. When his father did not get on with Shah Beg Khan Kabuli, who had been appointed Governor of Qandahār by Emperor Akbar, he in Emperor Jahāngīr's time went to Iran and entered the service of Shah 'Abbas Safavī. Shēr Khan was brought up in that country. When the Shah came to Qandahār in 1031 A.H. (1622 A.D.), and conquered it, Shēr Khān was appointed Governor of Füshanj and of the Afghan tribes. As in addition to external greatness and advantages, he was possessed of good judgement and keen knowledge, he became the head of his hereditary country and exercised supreme authority. From the Iranian and Indian travellers he levied whatever toll he chose, and also plundered them whenever he had an opportunity. After the Shāh's death he, out of presumption and turbulence, contended with 'Alī Mardān Khān Zēg, the Governor of Qandahār, and refused to acknowledge his authority. When it was repeatedly reported to Shāh Ṣafavī, the ruler of Iran, that traffic of caravans and traders was being impeded owing to Sher Khan's molestation and oppression, he summoned him. Sher Khan passed sometime by subterfuges and prevarications, but later thinking of a way out applied for protection to Emperor Shah Jahan. Kashmīrī Khān—a Kashmīrī Brahman, who had embraced Islām during the time when the Emperor was a prince, and had rendered good service during the time of confusion, and had also made a good study of the people of Iran, was sent off with a gracious royal patent and a dress of honour. Sher Khan making the season of ice and rain a pretext detained Kashmīrī Khān at Bhakkar till the Shāh (of Irān) heard of the developments, and sent Sher Khan a second missive tull

r Pashang in Jarrett's translation of A''in, II, p. 397; it is Pishin, a town north of Quetta and S.S.E. of Qandahar.

of graciousness. In secret, he instructed 'Alī Mardān Khān to seek an opportunity for destroying Shēr Khān. The latter thought that the gentle language of the second communication from the Shāh had given him what he wanted, and so he sent back Kashmīrī Khān without gaining his object.

When in the 4th year Sher Khan collected a force of the Afghans of the hills, and proceeded to attack Sibī and Ganjāba in Bhakkar, 'Alī Mardān Khān found his opportunity. He made a rapid march with 4,000 horse, and in the morning came to the fort of Fushanj. He made prisoners of Sher Khan's family, and sent them off to Qandahar with much property which Sher Khan had amassed through 'Alī Mardān Khān himself remained in Fūshanj. On robbery. receiving this terrible news, Sher Khan collected the booty and the prisoners he had taken at Ganjaba, and made a rapid retreat. On the way 'Ali Mardan Khan gave him battle. Though the Iranian van' guard gave way, 'Alī Mardān Khān charged the centre. A bullet struck him on the heel. He concealed the wound and continued to charge. He heartened his men, and drove so vigorously that he defeated the enemy, and returned to Qandahar safe and laden with plunder. Sher Khan went off to Duki, but in spite of all his efforts he did not succeed. Becoming helpless he turned his heart from his native country, and sought an alliance with Ahmad Beg who was the Deputy of Yamīn-ud-Daulah, the Governor of Multan. In the 5th year, 1041 A.H. (1631-32) he waited upon the Emperor and received the rank of 2,000; a fertile fief was assigned to him in the Panjab province, and a cash grant of twenty thousand rupees was also given1. But he was always sad and restless on account of the imprisonment of his children, and separation from his family, and used to weep day and night though the Shah treated his people with respect. As he was distinguished amongst the hillmen by his appearance, manners and understanding, his intimacy (with Emperor Shah Jahan)

The above account is based mainly on Badshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 419-421. On being appointed he was given a rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse.

rose higher day by day. He also exerted himself to be loyal and faithful, and accompanied Prince Muhammad Shuja' on the expedition to Parenda. In the 9th year he rendered distinguished service under Saivid Khan Jahan in the chastisement of the 'Adil Shahis and the devastation of their territory. But as retribution for his evil deeds had not yet been exacted by Fate, Time put him into another trouble. It was reported to Shāh Safī Safavī that Shēr Khān had been appointed to conquer Qandahar, and that he was preparing to undertake this task. As he knew the country, and was the head of a tribe, and besides the Tarin clan, the clans of the neighbourhood, such as Kākars and the Pannīs, were in accord with him, the Shāh felt anxious lest he might succeed. Out of circumspection, he sent him a letter referring to his loyalty, and suggesting his returning to serve under him and leaving India by any means possible. He sent this letter with a representation to Emperor Shah Jahan. When the latter became aware of the letter, he deprived Sher Khan of his rank, confiscated his fief, and forbade his departure. In the 12th year when the Emperor went to the Panjab, Sher Khan was not allowed to accompany him, but was left under surveillance at Agra; he was allowed one thousand rupees a month. Though he protested his innocence, and tried to clear himself, he did not succeed. For two or three years he remained shut up at Agra, and then being attacked by a hectic fever (madquq) he died in the prime of his life. Alas! The treacherous heavens enable many false persons to wear the dress of honesty before high and low, and destroy many true-hearted people so that they become a source of joy to their enemies. Alas! Alas! If we look back with the eye of discernment, we see that some mistakes do occur, for reward and retribution take an identical form!

#### Hemistich

We receive what is the reward for our deeds.

<sup>1</sup> According to Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 332, he was restored to his earlier rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse in 1052 A.H. He died in the 17th year of Shāh Jahān's reign, op. cit., p. 728; this would be in 1054 A.H. (1644 A.D.).

#### SHĒRŌYA KHĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 572-573).

He was the son of Sher Afgan son of Quch Beg who was an old servant of Humayun. When the Afghans defeated the imperial forces, and the time was pressing, the Emperor appointed Quch Beg and others to look after Miriam Makānī. He1 sacrificed his life at the door of the female quarters. When Emperor Humayun went to Iran, Sher Afgan remained with Mīrza Kamran at Kabul, but when Humāyūn returned, Shēr Afgan, as he could not trust Mīrzā Kāmrān, came to Humāyūn, and was appointed2 Governor of Qilat. Later Kahmurd, Duhāk and Bāmiān were made his fief. But when Mīrzā Kāmrān became predominant in Kābul, he behaved deceitfully and joined him3. On the day of the battle with Kamran, he was taken prisoner and executed4. His son Shērōya entered Emperor Akbar's service, and at first as an auxiliary of Mun'im Khan was employed in Bengāl. In the battle with Dāūd Afghān, which took place on the border of Orissa, he distinguished himself. Later in the 26th year he accompanied Prince Sultan Murad to Kabul. Later he was deputed to Gujarāt with Mīrzā Khān Khānān, and in the 30th year he accompanied Khan A'zam Koka on the Deccan campaign. In the 32nd year he was deputed with Matlab Khan to chastise the Tarīkīs, and in the 39th year he was granted the title of Khan, and appointed Governor of Ajmer. He held the rank of 1,0005.

- 1 Quch Beg was killed at Chausa, see Akbarnama, Text, I, p. 159; Beveridge's translation, I, p. 343.
  - 2 Op. cit., Text, p. 241; translation, p. 475.
  - 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 259; translation, p. 502.
  - 4 Op. cit., Text, p. 261; translation, p. 506.
- 5 For Shērōya Khān's account see also Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 505, 506. The grant of the title of Khān to him is recorded in Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 650; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1000.

### SHIHĀB-UD-DĪN AḤMAD <u>KH</u>ĀN¹

(Vol. II, pp. 567-570).

He was a Saiyid of Nīshāpūr, and was distinguished by the valuable services he rendered and the great influence he wielded in the state affairs. In the 1st year of Emperor Akbar's reign he was the Governor of Delhi. On 20th Jummāda2, II, 967 A.H. (18th March, 1560 A.D.) in the 5th year of the reign of Emperor Akbar he left Bairam Khan at Agra for the management of affairs, and himself went off for hunting. After he had reached Sikandarābād, Māham Anaga taking advantage of the illness of Miryam Makani-who was in Delhi-induced the Emperor to come to Delhi to enquire after her health. The Emperor's mind was disturbed. When Shihāb-ud-Dīn Ahmad Khān—who was the son-in-law<sup>3</sup> and confederate of Māham Anaga—came out to meet him, he represented that as this visit of the Emperor would be without the approval of the Khān Khānān, its only result for the men in attendance would be danger to life and loss of honour. They, therefore, prayed that these humble servants might be permitted to go to the holy places (Mecca) and pray (for the Emperor). The Emperor sent a messenger to the Khan Khanan to say that he had gone to Delhi of his own accord, no other person had anything to do with it and that the Khan Khanan should send the people (the supposed instigators) a letter of assurance. When the

I See also Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 352, 353 for an account of his life. There it is also noted that during his period of governorship of Delhi he repaired the old canal of Fiūz Shāh and called it Nahr-i-Shihāb, for a detailed history see Āthār-uṣ-Ṣanādīd, pt. iii, pp. 3, 4 (Lucknow edn. 1900).

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 94, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 141; see also V. Smith, Akbar The Great Mogal, pp. 44, 450 (2nd edn. 1919).

<sup>3</sup> See Tārikh-Firishta, I, p. 248 (Newal Kishore edn. 1874), and Tabaqāt-i-Akbarī, Text, II, pp. 145, 146 (De's edition) and De's translation, II, pp. 237, 238 and footnotes 2, 3 in which the translator directs attention to the variation in these accounts from the narrative in Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 94-97, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 141-146.

conspirators found the opportunity of speaking to the Emperor, and the field became clear for Māham Anaga and Shihāb-ud-Dīn Aḥmad Khān, they made open declarations to all that the Emperor had become alienated from Bairām Khān.

#### Verse1

Whenever rivals are regarded with favour, We will speak to him, for words then have weight.

Bairām Khān was bewildered at receiving the Emperor's message, and sent Hājī Muḥammad Khān Sīstānī and Khwāja Jahān to tender his apologies. By that time however, things had gone so far that no one listened to their excuses. The Chaghtāī officers had been waiting for such a day and from all sides they flocked around the Emperor. Shihāb-ud-Dīn Aḥmad Khān was placed in-charge of administrative and financial affairs subject to the control of Māham Anaga; and for somedays he carried on the work of the administration.

In the 12th year<sup>2</sup> when the Emperor went to Chittor, Shihāb-ud-Dīn Ahmad Khān was sent from the fort of Gāgrūn to govern Mālwa, and to chastise the rebellious Mītzās who had laid hold of that territory. These ungrateful persons losing heart without fighting retired to Gujarāt. In the 13th year he was summoned to the Court, and as Muzaffar Khān, the Chief Dīwān, could not, owing to the multifarious nature of the administrative and financial affairs, look after the Khālṣa property, the latter was assigned to Shihāb-ud-Dīn Ahmad Khān. He as a result of a careful study and experience fixed

The verse is quoted in *Firishta op. cit.*, and in *Maāthir*, Text, I, p. 377 (in Bairām Khān's biography); see also Beveridge's translation, I, p. 373 and footnote. The word here is *badinsān* in place of *badishān*. I have translated the verse differently from Beveridge.

<sup>2</sup> In Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 271, translation, II, p. 403 this is recorded in the 11th year; but apparently the author of Maātbir has based his account on Tabaqāt; Text, II, p. 215, De's translation, II, p. 342.

a suitable rate and made a proper settlement1. In the 21st year he was promoted to the rank of 5,000, and appointed Commander-in-Chief (Sipāh sālār) of Mālwa2. In the 22nd year when it was found that Wazīr Khān had mismanaged the affairs of Gujarāt, the governorship3 of that province was transferred to his charge. In the 28th year when I'timad Khan reached Gujarat to relieve him, Shihab-ud-Din Ahmad Khan started from Ahmadabad to return to the Court. His disloyal servants created a disturbance, and inviting Sultan Muzaffar—who was living under the protection of the Kaithīas—made him the head and leader of the rebellion. Shihāb-ud-Dīn Ahmad Khan exerted himself to put down the disturbance, and marched against them. Before any battle took place, the remainder of his servants deserted and joined the enemy, and in the resulting confusion one of his servants wounded him. Some of his faithful followers, however, put him on a horse and carried him to Pattan from that disturbed area4. He was disgracefully defeated, and the honour of the people was ruined. The enemy took possession of the entire country, and he was about to run away from Pattan and go to Jalaur. Men, however, collected and at the recommendation of I'timad Khan an army was sent against Sher Khan Fuladi—who was the cause of disturbance in that area—and he was defeated. Meanwhile 'Abdur Rahīm Mīrzā Khān arrived from the Court, and drove off Sultān Muzaffar. He made the assignment of Sarkar Broach to Shihab-ud-Dīn Ahmad Khān, and appointed him to assist Qulīj Khān, who had been deputed with the Malwa army to retake the fort of Broach from the officers of Sultan Muzastar. In the 29th year he got them into his power, and set about settling the country. In the 34th year he was reappointed. Governor of Malwa in place of A'zam Khan Khoka.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 333, translation, II, p. 488.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 170, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 242.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 21-7, translation, III, p. 306.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, pp. 409-412, translation, III, pp. 607-611.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text. III, pp. 571, 572, translation, III, p. 865. Some of his appointments during the intervening period are not mentioned in Maāthīr.

There he died in 999 A.H (1591 A.D.). He was unique of the age for developing agriculture and cherishing the peasantry. His wife was Bābā Āghā, who was related to Miryam Makānī. Having lived nobly she died in the 42nd year 1005 A.H. (1596-97 A.D.).

### SHIR <u>KH</u>WAJA (Vol. II, pp. 648-650).

He was one of the Saiyids of Itāwa (Etāwah). On his mother's side he was a Naqshbandī³, and had the name of Bādshāh Khwāja. As a reward for his brave⁴ deeds Emperor Akbar gave him the name of Shīr Khwāja. In the 30th year he was deputed with Saʿīd Khān Chaghtā for the uprooting of the Yūsufzais⁵. Later he was sent with Prince Sulṭān Murād to the Deccan campaign. In the 40th year he was sent⁶ with some other afficers towards Pattan by the prince and rendered good service in the battle with Ikhlāṣ Khān. In the 41st year when the imperial armies fought a battle with the Deccanīs, and in which Rāja ʿAlī Khān, the ruler of Khāndēsh was killed, he commanded the flank of the right wing, and performed great deeds¹. Later with Shaikh Abūl Fadl he rendered good and valuable services in the Deccan. In the battle which took place near Bīr, he attacked the enemy and defeated them, and himself being wounded retired to the

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 594, translation, III, p. 885.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 716, translation, III, p. 1066, and note 2 where it is suggested that her correct name probably was Mainā Aghā.

<sup>3</sup> According to Blochmann "Naqshband was the cpithet of the renowned Saint Khwāja Bahā-ud-Din of Bukhārā," translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 466, note 2 also see Jarrett's translation of A'in., III, pp. 358-360.

<sup>4</sup> Apparently the reference is to his good work in the Campaign against Mīrzā Ḥakim in the Panjāb, see Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 346; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 508.

<sup>5</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 476; translation, III, p. 718.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., Text, III, p. 700; translation, III, p. 1047.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 718, 719; translation, p. 1070.

village of Bir. When the Deccanis came in great force and besieged the town, he and his men, for want of food, were in a difficult situation; for a time they subsisted on horse flesh. As owing to the river Godavari being in flood there was no hope of a relieving army reaching the area, he determined to sally forth and be killed. Meanwhile Shaikh Abul Fadl hearing of it, arrived with a large force. The besiegers gave up the siege and withdrew. After an interview the Shaikh wanted to leave his son 'Abdur Rahman in the thana of Bir, but the Khwaja did not agree, and himself remained in charge1. In the 46th year, he was honoured with the grant of a flag and a drum2. After the death of Emperor Akbar he was sent a dress of honour by Emperor Jahangir. The date of his coming to the Presence is not known. In the disturbance on the bank of the Jhelum river when Mahābat Khān behaved with great presumption, he was in attendance on Emperor Jahangir. After the death of the said Emperor he took part with Asaf Jah in the battle with Shahariyar. In the 1st year of the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan he waited on him, and his rank of 4,000 with 1,000 horse was confirmed. He was granted the title of Khwāja Bāqī Khān, and on being appointed Governor of Tatta (Sind) was allowed to depart to that province4. He, however, died on the way<sup>5</sup> in the year 1037 A.H. (1628 A.D.). His son Khwaja Hashim attained the rank of 500 with 100 horse.

# SHUJA'AT <u>KH</u>AN (Vol. II, pp. 557-560).

His alias was Muqim Khān 'Arab. He was the sister's son and son-in-law of Tardī Bēg Khān<sup>6</sup>. Through Emperor Humāyūn's favour he was granted the title of Muqim Khān, and became a man of posi-

<sup>1</sup> Op, cit., Text, pp. 759-761; translation, pp. 1135-1138.

o Op. cit., Text, p. 786; translation, p. 1177.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 73.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 181.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 200.

<sup>6</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umara, Text, I, pp. 466-471.

During the times of confusion, he joined Mīrzā 'Askarī, and when Humayun returned from Iran, he was shut up with the Mirza in the Qandahar fort, and was responsible for defending and guarding the fort. When the Mīrzā obtained quarter and came out of the fort, many of the faithless officers were brought before Humayun with their swords and quivers thrown round their necks. Out of the Muqim Khān and Shāh Sīstān had fetters put on their feet and boards round their necks, and for sometime they were kept in confinement1. When Humāyūn started to conquer India, Muqīm Khān was left at Kābul with Mun'im Khān. When during Emperor Akbar's reign, after the downfall of Bairam Khan, Mun'im Khan was summoned to the Presence, Muqim Khan also accompanied him2 to India, and was favoured by the grant of an increase in his rank. In the 9th year during the Mālwa campaign, when 'Abdullah Khān Ūzbeg, the Governor of Mandu became insubordinate and wished to create a disturbance, he rendered good service, and was rewarded with the title of Shujā'at3 Khān. In the beginning of the 15th year he invited the Emperor to a banquet4. Emperor Akbar accepted the invitation and spent a day and night in enjoyment at his house. He arranged a pleasant feast, and gave a successful entertainment. In the 18th year, when Ahmadābād was glorified by Emperor Akbar's nine days' expedition, Shujā'at Khān at the royal feast made some satirical remarks about Mun'im Khan Khan Khanan, the Commander-in-Chief, who had been deputed for the settlement of the Eastern Provinces. Emperor Akbar in view of the dual offence, firstly that he did not respect the Presence, and secondly that he had neglected the rules (Torah-i-Saltanat) by behaving improperly towards the Commander-in-Chief, rebuked him-which noble minds regard as more wounding than a sword blow-and sent him to Khan Khanan so that he might deal

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 236; Beveridge's translation, I, p. 467.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 114; Beveridge's translation, II, p. 174.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 229; translation, pp. 350, 351,

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 352; translation, p. 513.

with him as he might think right; either pardon or punish him1. Khān Khānān offered his thanks for this gracious act, and treated Shujā'at Khān with honour and regard, and requested that he might be pardoned. This request was granted, and Shujā'at Khān was sent2 In the 22nd year, he was raised to the rank of 3,000, and appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malwa. In the 25th year, 988 A.H. (1580 A.D.) when some wicked officers in Bengal and Bihar created a commotion, he, in compliance of royal summons proceeded one stage from Sarangpur. 'Iwad Beg Barlas with a number of his retainers was annoyed at his severity and his ungracious conduct, in that he without cause withheld the pay of the soldiers, and when reprimanding used abusive language—and disregarding loyalty and faithfulness lay in wait with evil intentions. At the time of marching, when most men had left with the leader's family and goods, and others were hurrying for the march, one Hājī Shihāb was made their leader, and a tumult was started. Qawim Khan, his son, was killed while he was enquiring into the matter, and Shuja'at Khan coming out of the tent began to investigate. When he saw that he himself was the target, he hurriedly tried to retreat into the tent. At this moment a number of the ingrates inflicted several wounds on him. A little life remained in him, and so his faithful followers placed him in a haudah and took him to Sarangpur. They used such tact and adroitness in journeying to the place that many thought he was alive, and several on this account accompanied him. In a short time they reached the fort, and after reaching the fort in that city gave out that he had been saved, and so beat the drum of rejoicing. By this clever manoeuvre the dust of turbulence which had risen high, was laid low, and all the evil minded retired. Strange to say, many thinking the business finished had gone off quickly. When they heard that he was alive, they took courage and applied themselves to the

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 63, 64; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 89. The words in Akbarnāma are تورة اين دراساطنس in place of تورة اين دراساطنس.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 85; translation, p. 120.

protection of his family and goods, and conveyed them to a place of safety from that dangerous spot. The Emperor in consideration of the long service of the deceased begged forgiveness of his sins from Heaven, and had the evil-doers arrested. They received various punishments, and became a warning for mortals. His second son was Muqīm Khān whose account is recorded in the notice of the Tarbiyat Khān 'Abdur Raḥīm.

### SHUJA AT KHAN BAHADUR

(Vol. II, pp. 708-711).

His name was Muhammad Shāh, and he was one of the Fārūqī Shaikhzādas. His lineage could be traced to Shaikh Farīd-ud-Dīn Shakarganja. His home was at Jaunpur in the Allahabad province. His grandfather's name was Ghulam Muhammad Khan, who during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan was appointed to a rank, granted the title of Khan, and served as the Faujdar of Hajipur in the province of Bihar. In the battle against Shuja, he was killed in attendance on Emperor Aurangzīb. His father Shaikh 'Abdul Karīm Khān was granted a mansab, and first was Faujdar of Mathura and later of Gwalior. After that he was Faujdar of Karra Manikpur in Allāhābād, and was killed in a battle with the Rājpūt of that area. During the time while the Emperor was residing at Galgolda in the Deccan, Muhammad Shah, was honoured by appointment to the rank of 400, the post of the Bakhshi and Superintendent of the Court of the port of Surat and a fief in that territory. He was at one time Faujdar of Niyapūra, Datia, in the Sarkar of Sūrat, and for a time Ta'luqdar of Bairamgaon, and also for a time Faujdar of Surat,

<sup>1</sup> The account is taken almost verbatim from Akbarnāma, op..cit., Text, p. 313; translation, pp. 458,459.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I. pp. 483, 484.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 359; Beveridge's tanslation, II, pp. 520-522; Jarrett's translation of Ain, III, pp. 363,364.

Gujarāt. His rank was raised to 700, and was given the title of Shāh 'Alī Khān. In the time of Jahāndar Shāh, he was deprived of his rank and fief owing to his having joined Muhammad Farrukh Siyar. In the 1st year of Emperor Muhammad Farrukh Siyar his rank was restored, and he was appointed Faujdar of Mandesūr, Mālwa. In the 2nd year of Emperor Muhammad Shah, when Nizam-ul-Mulk Asaf Jah started from Malwa for the Deccan, he showed him favour, and took him and his younger brother Nur Ullah with him. He was appointed Superintendent of the Artillery and his brother Superintendent of the Artificers (Abshām). He distinguished himself in the battles with Saiyids Dilāwar 'Alī Khān and 'Alam 'Alī Khān. In the last battle, when the position became critical, he dismounted like the devoted heroes, and fought with determination. Shaikh Nur Ullah was killed in that battle, and Shaikh Muhammad Shah was wounded1. and disabled. After this he received the rank of 3,000 with 2,000 horse, the gifts of a flag and drums, and the title of Shujā'at Khān. He obtained Pargana Bir, and some villages of Fathabad Dharwar in the province of Aurangabad, the Haveli of Pathri in Berar, and the Sarkar Bijagarh Kharkun in Khandesh. When Bir and other estates were included in the fief of Raja Sulţanjī, Shuja'at Khan was given a fief in Balapur and other estates in Berar. Gradually he rose to the rank of a mansabdar of 5,000, and had the title of Bahadur. After the death of 'Add-ud-Daulah in 1143 A.H. (1730-31 A.D.) he was appointed Deputy Governor of Berar. He was skilled in the affairs of collections. The mukāsadārs of the Marathas were afraid of him, but when he imprisoned his Divan, the latter stirred them up against him. Raghūjī Bhonsle collected a force and marched to Elichpūr.

It is said that Shujā'at Khān always kept the Divan of Hāfiz before him, and used to take omens from it in emergencies. This time the  $f\bar{a}l^2$  was:

<sup>1</sup> Yusuf Husain Khan, Nizāmu'l-Mulk Asaf Jah, I, pp. 130,132.

<sup>2</sup> Omen.

#### Hemistich

O pigeon be alert, for the hawk has come.

He resolved to leave the city and march against the enemy so the meaning of the line might apply to him. The battle took place some four kos from the city, and he was wounded after a stiff fight, and taken prisoner. Of these wounds, he died in 1150 A.H. (1737-38 A.D.). He used to spend a great deal on food. Every day he would send dishes to each set of lam'adārs. In addition, he had arranged for the supply of food for both main meals, in accordance with the customary dietary of the men of the east, that is of the country east of Shāhjahānābād, to some two hundred of his compatriots who were with him. His sons were Ghulām Muḥiyy-ud-Dīn Shujā'at Khān—who is known as Sarwar Jang—Ashraf Khān, Ā'zam Khān and Mu'azzam Khān. They had a small Jāgīr in Pargana Bīr, and were in service.

### (SAIYID) SHUJA'AT <u>KH</u>AN BAHADUR BHAKKAR**I** (Vol. II, pp. 460, 461).

He was the son of Saiyid Lutf 'Alī of Bhakkar, who in the 8th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign, was the Faujdār¹ of the Miyān Dūāb, and in the 16th year of the reign was appointed Governor² of Kāngra. In the 27th year, on the score of age he was excused from service, and was granted four lacs of dams from the Pargana of Farīdābād. Afterwards Saiyid Shujā'at was given the rank of 1,000 with 500 horse, and when the kingdom was adorned by Aurangzīb ascending the throne, he took up service under him. He was in attendance on the royal stirrups in the battle against Muḥammad Shujā', and the second battle with Dārā Shikōh. In the 2nd year of the reign, he was exalted by the title of Shujā'at Khān. Later his

<sup>1</sup> His transfer from the post of the Faujdar in the 8th year is recorded in Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 101.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 335.

ambitions were fulfilled by his appointment as the *Qil'adār* of Chānda in succession to Khwwāṣ Khān¹. It has not been possible to trace his later history.

#### (SAIYID) SHUJĀ·AT <u>KH</u>ĀN BĀRAH (Vol. II. pp. 423-427).

His name was Saiyid Ja'far, and he was the son of Saiyid Jahangir, son of Saiyid Mahmud Khān2 Bārah, the leader of the Saiyids of Bārah in Emperor Akbar's time. He was acknowledged as one of the great nobles. Saivid Ja'far entered the service of the heir-apparent Shāh Jahān, and through his courage and valour gained a close position of association and trust. But in the battle on the Tons near Benares, when the heir-apparent was signally defeated by Sultan Parviz and Mahābat Khān, and he retired towards Bengāl, and as it was so decreed that the prince should under the shadow of this mortification pass some time in the wilderness of disappointment, many of his followers losing courage would not exert themselves. Saiyid Ja'far, who commanded the advance guard of the centre, fled without fighting. When the prince proceeded from Nāsik to Tatta, and it was rumoured that he, at the instance of Shah 'Abbas Şafavı, proposed to go to Iran, some of his followers left him. Among those, Saiyid Ja'far asked for leave to go home, and withdrew from service and the boon of companionship. After reaching his home, he was summoned to the Presence by Emperor Jahangir, and given the rank of 1,000. Shah Jahan, however, who did not proceed to Iran, was greatly displeased with the Saiyid. After his accession he did not show any graciousness to him, and so returning home he went into retirement. In the 5th year, the Emperor out of regard for his earlier service and passing over his offences, appointed him to the

I This is apparently incorrect, as it was Shujā' Khān and not Shujā'at Khān Bahādur who was appointed Qil'adār of Chānda in the 2nd year in succession to Khwwās Khān, see 'Ālamgīrnāma, p. 418.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umara, Text, II, pp. 375-377; translation antea, pp. 35-38.

rank of 4,000 foot with 2,000 horse, and gave him the title1 of Shujā'at Khān. In the 6th year, he was ordered to accompany Prince Muhammad Shujā' to the siege of Parēnda. When that campaign dragged on, and due to the haughtiness of the Commanderin Chief, Mahābat Khān leading officers, such as Khān Daurān Bahādur and Saiyid Khān Jahān, did not apply themselves to work and did not wish the affair to end; the approach of rains rendered inevitable many inflictions. The taking of the fort was bound to be a long business and all the officers counselled the prince to retire. It was decided that a council of war should be held, but on account of the crabbedness and foul-mouthed nature of Mahabat Khan, no one dared to take the lead. Shuja'at Khan took the initiative, and in the presence of the prince said to the Commander-in-Chief, "If you talk foolishly, you will be killed. The fact of the matter is that this year this expedition cannot be terminated. In spending the rainy season in this neighbourhood, the imperial army will have to face famine and scarcity. We can give it to you in writing. If you will put down in writing the date of finishing this business (i.e. the date of taking the fort), we will stand by you till it comes even to subsisting on carrion." Though Mahābat Khān wished to demonstrate the advantages of staying on, the prince ordered that the drums of retreat be beaten. Mahabat Khan lost his self-control, and said to the prince, "This victory was in your Highness's name (was certain). At the words of these men you are throwing away the winning card for no reason." From what is recorded in the Badshahnama and its abridgment, it is evident that the Commander-in-Chief in the Parenda campaign had made such arrangements about supplies of the grain that there could not be any distress in the army on that account, but there was no wood or forage within twenty kos. The rains came on, and so Mahabat Khan himself did not think it advisable to stay, and retreat was decided upon2.

r Bādsbāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 439,440, where an account of Saiyid Ja'far is given

<sup>2</sup> For the Parenda campaign see Badsbahnama, I, pt. ii, pp. 33-46; Khafi

As the prince had been ordered not to go contrary to the advice of the Khān Khānān, he came after six months with Khān Khānān to Burhanpur in the end of Shawwal of the 7th year. Emperor Shah Jahan censured Mahabat Khan because he had brought back the prince without taking the fort, and because it was owing to his disagreement with his comrades that the expedition had not succeeded. In the 10th year Shujā'at Khān was appointed Governor of Allāhābād. As that province is turbulent and requires a force to manage it, 2,000 horse were added to his rank, and 2,500 of his horse were made 2-horse, 3-horse; it was hoped that with this force the affairs of that province would be properly attended to. In the 16th year, Parganas Irij, Bhander, etc. were taken from 'Abdullah Khan Firuz Jang, who had been appointed Governor of Allahabad, and given in fief to Shujā'at Khān1. He laboured hard to settle the province, and to chastise the Bundelas. In Pargana Irij he fell ill through excessive drinking and died in 10522 A.H. (1642 A.D.). It is stated that Shujā'at Khān was an eloquent speaker, and of a noble nature. He also was well versed in sciences. In his manners and movements he imitated princes. He was most liberal. Though Emperor Shah Jahan was very gracious to him, he never gave up the exclusiveness and hauteur of a Saiyid. He used to speak freely and boldly. Consequently Emperor Shah Jahan took a dislike to him, and always favoured Saiyid Khān Jahān. This proved too much for Shujā'at Khān, and so he was always abusing Khan Jahan. One day, the Emperor asked him, "Where does your lineage meet that of Saiyid Khan Jahan?" He replied, "Just as Dhauri Khal of Agra meets the Jumnā." His son was Saiyid Muzaffar3, who by the 30th year of

Khān, I, pp. 495-500. From these accounts it appears that Mahābat Khān eventually decided upon the retreat, but this was on account of the treachery of his followers, see also Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text. III, p. 500. Also see Banarsi Prasad Saksena, History of Shahjahan, pp. 160-162.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 307.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 319.

<sup>3</sup> In the 9th year he was given the rank of 1,000 with 500 horse, op. cit, P. 431.

Shāh Jahān's reign had reached the rank of 1,500 with 800 horse, and received the title of Himmat Khān. His second son Saiyid Najābat had the rank of 1,000 with 500 horse.

## SHUJĀ·AT KHĀN MUḤAMMAD BEĞ TURKAMĀN (Vol. II, pp. 706-708).

He was one of the auxiliaries employed in the Gujarāt Sūba. As he worked for harmony with Sultan Murad Bakhsh, when the latter was the Governor of that province, he gained influence through his personal acquaintance with the prince. That prince following a hint from his brother, Sultan Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur, left that province, and moving over to Malwa joined his brother. After the battle with Maharaja Jasvant Singh and the first engagement with Dārā Shikōh, when Prince Murād through the subtleties of the changing fortune was imprisoned, Muhammad Beg hastened to the province of his appointment. In the 2nd year of Emperor Aurangzib's reign when Dārā Shikōh after reaching Gujarāt collected a force, he granted Muhammad Beg the title1 of Qizilbash Khan and took him with him. After Dārā Shikōh's flight he took up service under Emperor Aurangzib, and received a dress of honour, and was appointed as before2 to the Ahmadābād Sūba. He lived there a long time. As the Emperor was impressed with his zeal, he was in time granted the title of Kārtalab Khān, and appointed Superintendent of the port of Sūrat. In the 26th year, he was removed from this post, and appointed Faujdar of Ahmadabad.3 After that he was promoted to the post of Governor of Ahmadabad and granted the title of Shuja'at Khan. In the 40th year he had risen4 to the rank of 4,000 with 4,000 horse, and in the 45th year5 corresponding to 1212 A.H.

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgīrnāma, p. 326,

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 343.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 247. 4 Op. cit., p. 383.

<sup>5</sup> On the 20th of Muharram or 25th July, 1700. The account of his character in the Maāthir is taken from the same source, p. 441.

(1700 A.D.) he died. He was possessed of many excellent qualities. and through his good fortune also fortunate. rose from a low to a high rank. The Emperor was so well. impressed by his honesty, straight-forwardness, military talent and administrative ability, that he never suffered any reverse. As he had no son, he adopted a farmer's son as his own. Out of regard for his father he received a high rank and the title of Nazar 'Alī Khān. After his father's death, he fought a badly arranged battle with the Marathas. In this he was defeated and lost all his possessions. Shujā'at Khān's daughter was married to Ma'sū m Beg son of Kāzim Beg, who in the time of Haidar Quli Khan was the Deputy Governor of Ahmadābād, and received the title of Shujā'at Khān. His (Ma'sūm Beg's) second brother was Rustam 'Alī, who was appointed Superintendent of the port of Surat. His third brother had the title of Ibrāhīm Qulī Khān. All three of them were killed during the Governorship of Mu'izz-ud-Daulah Hāmid Khān Bahādur.

### SHUJA'AT <u>KH</u>AN RA'ADANDAZ BEG (Vol. II, pp. 679 681).

He was an officer during the reign of Emperor Aurangzīb. In the beginning of the reign, he was appointed to a suitable rank, and honoured with the grant of the title of Khān, and during the 1st year, when the Emperor wanted to fight against Sultān Shujā', he was appointed as the Qil'adār of the Āgra fort in succession to Dhūlfiqār Khān. After sometime he was removed, and in the second battle against Dārā Shikōh, he was attached to the skirmishing forces. Later, he was appointed Bakhshī of the Aḥadīs². In the 3rd year, he was removed from that office, and went off with Kanwar Rām Singh for destroying the fort of the Zamīndār of Srīnagar (Garhwāl). In the 4th year, he was gratified by being appointed³ as Faujdār of

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p, 234.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 336.

the Dūāb in succession to 'Āqil Khān. In the 6th year he was the Fanjdār of the Āgra district in place of Himmat Khān, and in the 7th year, on the death of I'tibār Khān, he was appointed Qil'adār¹ of the Capital, and his rank was raised to 2,000 foot with 1,500 horse. In the 9th year, he was made Master of the Hotse and Mīr Tūzuk in place of Multafat Khān. In the 10th year, he was appointed Superintendent of the Artillery in the room of Fidāī Khān. In the 12th year he was sent after the grant of a horse with golden trappings to root out the rebels in the neighbourhood of the capital. In the 13th year he was ordered to accompany Fidāī Khān. In the 15th year, when the outbreak of the Satnāmīs in the neighbourhood of Mēwāt was reported, he was sent² with a good force and essential equipment to put them down.

The Satnāmīs were men who had gathered together from among the lower classes and from the craftsmen. In the year in question, they created a disturbance in the neighbourhood of Nārnaul, and plundered the towns and Parganas. It is stated that they believed themselves to be immortal. After the arrival of Ra'adandāz Khān in that district they began to fight; following a hard fighting many were killed, while those who took to flight were slain in pursuit. The Khān after his return to Court received approbation and the tittle of Shujā'at Khān, and his rank was increased to 3,500 with 2,000 horse. In the 16th year, his rank became 4,000 with 2,500 horse, and he was presented a dress of honour, a turban ornament of jade, and an Arabian horse with golden trappings. He was also deputed to Kābul to put down the turbulent Afghāns. In the 17th year, when he got his army ready for crossing the river by a ferry, and designed to proceed by the Kharya Pass, the Afghāns, who were lying in

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 50.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 115.

<sup>3</sup> The account of the Satnāmīs is taken from Maāthir-i-Alamgīrī, pp. 114-116. The grant of the title of Shujā'at Khān and promotion in the rank or Ra'adandāz Khān is recorded on p. 116.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 129.

ambush, blocked his path. Though a severe engagement took place, and great efforts were made, he in the year 1084 A. H. (1674 A.D.) presented his life (was killed) in the service of his master.

### SHUJĀ·AT <u>KH</u>ĀN SALĀM ULLĀH ·ARAB (Vol. II, pp. 641, 642).

He was the brother's son of Mubārak 'Arab. In the 4th year of Emperor Jahāngīr's reign, he was appointed to the rank of 400 with 200 horse<sup>2</sup>, and deputed to the Deccan<sup>3</sup> under Khān Jahān Lödī. In the 10th year, through promotion his rank was advanced to 500 with 200 horse<sup>4</sup>, and in the 11th year, he was given the title<sup>5</sup> of Shujā'at Khān. He had a Jāgīr<sup>6</sup> in Gujarāt, and lived there till he died. Rahmān Ullāh, his son, obtained during the time of Emperor Shāh Jahān the rank of 700 with 400 horse, and in the third year he bravely sacrificed<sup>7</sup> his life in the battle against Khān Jahān Lōdī.

#### SHUJA·AT <u>KH</u>AN SHADI BĒG (Vol. II, pp. 662-664).

He was the son of Janish Bahadur, whose account<sup>8</sup> has been included in its proper place. He, in the 7th year of Emperor Shah

- 1 Op. cit., p. 131. The name of the pass is given as Khunpa in this work.
- 2 Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), I, p. 158 and not 3.
- 3 Op. cit., p. 162.
- 4 There is some confusion here, for according to the *Tūzuk*, op. cit., p. 285 he was given an increase of 200 horse, which resulted in his rank becoming 1,500 personal, and 1,000 horse. Not long afterwards his rank was increased to 2,000 personal, and 1,100 horse, p. 297.
- 5 Op. cit., p. 320; note 1, where it is stated that he joined the Halqa-bā-gōshān by boring his ears in imitation of Jahāngīr.
  - 6 In the 12th year, op. cit., p. 397. 7 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 305.
- 8 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text,I, pp. 511,512, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 748,749.

Jahan's reign was raised to the rank1 of 1,000 with 800 horse, and received the title2 of Shadi Khan. In the 12th year he was given a dress of honour, a turban ornament, a decorated dagger, a sword with ornamented golden scabbard, and a horse with silver saddle, and was sent off to Balkh with the reply to Nadhr Muhammad Khan's letter and presents to the value of a lakh of rupees3. In the 14th year he returned, and waited on the Emperor when he returned from Kashmir to Lähöre, and presented twenty seven horses. The Emperor treated him with favour, and raised his rank to 1,500 with 1,200 horse, and appointed him to Bhakkar in succession to Shah Quli Khan; he was also given a horse<sup>5</sup>. Later when the news of the death of Ghairat Khan, the Governor of Tatta was received, he received a dress of honour, a sword and an increase of 500 foot with 500 horse, and was appointed Governor of that province6 (Sind). In the 15th year, the number of his horse was increased by 300, and thereby his personal rank and the number of his horse was equalized. In the 19th year, he accompanied Prince Murad Bakhsh on his expedition to take Balkh, and Badakhshan, and when the prince took a dislike to the country and returned, and Jumlat-ul-Mulk Sa'd Ullah Khan was deputed for arrangement of the affairs of the territory, Shuja'at Khan was appointed to govern Maimna7. In the 21st year he was favoured with the grant of a dress of honour, and a horse with a golden saddle, and appointed Governor of Kābul in succession to Siv Rām Gaur. It was also ordered that till his arrival there, Multafat Khan should act as his representative8. In the 22nd year, he went to Qandahar in attendance on Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur, and had the command of the scouts. On arrival there, he was sent with Qulij Khan to take Bust, and received the rank of 2,500 foot with 2,000 horse. In the battle with the Qizilbashs, which was fought by Rustam

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 13. 2 Op. cit., p. 60.

<sup>3</sup> See Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 157, but his name there is Shad Khan.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 214. 5 Op. cit., p. 220.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 225. 7 Op. cit., p. 664.

Op. cm., p. 225.

<sup>8 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālih, III, p. 3.

Khān and Qulīj Khān, he stood firm, and his son Muḥammad Sa'īd was slain. In the 23rd year his rank was raised to 3,000 foot with 2,500 horse, and he was honoured by the grant of a flag and drum. In the 25th year he went to Qandahār a second time with the said prince. During the time when the royal cortege arrived at Kābul, he was the Governor there, and paid his respects. He was granted a dress of honour, a turban ornament, a horse with golden saddle, and an elephant, and on promotion to the rank of 3,500 foot with 3,000 horse was granted the title of Shujā'at Khān. In the 26th year he went with Prince Dārā Shikōh for the conquest of the Qandahār fort, and from there he went with Rustum Khān Bahādur to Bust. Nothing is known of his later history.

## SHUJA'AT <u>KH</u>AN SHAI<u>KH</u> KABĪR (Vol. II, pp. 630-633).

He was known as Rustum Zamān Chishtī Fārūqī. He was an inhabitant of Mau, and was related to Islām Khān Chishtī. He was one of the high officers of Emperor Akbar. He received promotion in the reign of Emperor Jahāngīr, and when Khān Jahān Lōdī was appointed with a large force to lead an expedition to the Deccan, he, because of the confidence he had in Shujā'at Khān, and though the vanguard of the royal army was always reserved for the Saiyids of Bārah, placed him in the van of the entire force. The Saiyids protested that this position was theirs by inheritance, but Khān Jahān did not yield. After this Shujā'at Khān was posted to Bengāl<sup>5</sup>. In the 6th year, Islām Khān, the Governor of that province, appointed many distinguished officers under the leadership of Shujā'at Khān to march against 'Uthmān Khān Lōhānī in fights against whom Rāja Mān Singh had lost many of his relatives and tribesmen, but had not succeeded in defeating him. When Shujā'at Khān reached the borders

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit.. p 100.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 143.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 157.

<sup>4</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), I, p. 29.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 192.

of his territory, 'Uthmān Khan, who was very proud and haughty, arranged his forces with great pomp and grandeur, and gave battle. 'Uthmān drove his war elephants, whom he regarded as the pivot of his attack, against the vanguard, but the heroes of the imperial forces stood firm and sacrificed their lives. Iftikhār Khān, the leader of the right wing and Kishwar Khān, the leader of the left wing, fought bravely and were killed. That inconsiderate and defiant leader ('Uthmān), in spite of the fact that a very large number of his men had been killed, again attacked the centre. Shujā'at Khān's relations and brothers fought bravely and were slain, while a large number who were severely wounded were incapacitated.

At this juncture 'Uthman Khan, who was very corpulent and had a large belly, mounted on an elephant, in a howdah and assailed Shujā at Khān. That famous warrior first struck the elephant with a spear, and then smote it twice in the face with a sword. Then he drew a dagger and inflicted two other wounds. The elephant becoming wild boldly advanced, and overthrew Shujā at Khān and his horse. Shujā'at Khān skilfully extricated himself from below the horse and stood up. Meanwhile his groom so struck the elephant on its forelegs with a sword two cubits long that it fell on its knees. Shujā'at Khān with the help of his groom dragged the driver off the elephant, and struck the latter with a dagger on its trunk. The elephant trumpeting loudly moved backwards a few paces and then fell down. Just then a bullet from some unknown quarter struck Uthman in the forehead. Recognizing that the wound was fatal, he turned and reached his quarters half dead. At midnight he died. Walī Khān his brother, and Mumrēz Khān his son left the camp and the baggage on the field, and carrying his dead body hurried to the fort. As the brave warriors of the victorious army were unable to exert themselves any further, Shuja'at Khan with Muta'qad Khan, who had after the battle arrived with reinforcements, started in pursuit. Wali Khan realizing that safety lay in submission capitulated, and assurances having been given, he came with his relations and brothers for an interview. He presented 49 elephants

as an offering. Shuja'at Khan taking these with him went and joined Islām Khān at Jahāngīrnagar (Dacca). As a reward for his services and in recognition of his exceptional bravery, he was honoured by an increase in rank and the title of Rustum Zaman. Islam Khan did not observe the terms of the treaty which Shuja'at Khan had arranged with 'Uthman's survivors, but sent them all to the Court. Accordingly Wali Khān and Mumrēz Khān were put to death in the Kālī Talāwarī at Ahmadābād, while Ayāz Ghulām—who was the adopted son of 'Uthman-and others were long confined in wells. Shuja'at Khān became distressed at Islām Khān having broken the treaty, and left Bengal. Just then an order of his appointment as the Governor of Bihar was received. On the day when he was to enter the city of Patna, he was riding on a female elephant. An elephant (probably a male) ran at her, and Shujā'at Khān, with all his firmness, became alarmed and tried to climb down from the elephant. His foot was broken and he2 died.

#### SHUJA--UD-DAULAH BAHADUR

(Vol, II, pp. 715-722).

He was the son of Abūl Manṣūr³ Khān and his real name was Mīrzā Jalāl-ud-Dīn⁴ Ḥaidar. After his father's death he was appointed Governor of Oudh and Allāhābād in his father's vacancy, and he settled these areas in a proper manner. In the year 1170 A.H. (1757 A.D.)

- The account of the battle etc. with Uthman Khan is taken from the Tuzuk, op. cit., pp. 209-214.
- 3. Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 365-368; Beveridge's translation. I, pp. 137-140. See also A.L. Srivastava—The First Two Nawabs of Oudh, pp. 91-259 (1933) for a detailed account of his life.
- 4 For a detailed monograph of the first half of the life-history of Shujā'-ud-Daulah see A.L. Srivastava's Shuja-ud-Daulah, I, 1754-1765, (Calcutta, 1939). See also Dow—History of Hindustan. II, pp. 393-395, (London, 1770), Keene—The Fall of the Moghal Empire, pp. 64,65,112 (London, 1882), and for his character Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of the Mughal Empire, II, pp. 530-532 (1934).

'Imad-ul-Mulk, as has been detailed in his biography' led an army against him. He advanced from Lucknow to the plains of Sandi and Pālī which were on the borders of Oudh to meet 'Imād-ul-Mulk. A slight engagement took place, and then through the mediation<sup>2</sup> of Sa'd Ullah Khan, son of 'Ali Muhammad Khan Rohilla, a truce was arranged for five lakhs of rupees, part of which amount was paid in cash and the rest was promised. In the year 1173 A.H. (1759-60 A.D.) Najīb Khān Röhilla and other Afghans—who held Parganas in fief in the Metropolitan province on the other side of the Ganges, assured him that the Marathas owing to the rainy season could not possibly cross the Ganges, It has to be mentioned that in 1171 A.H. (1757-58 A.D.) Dattājī Sindia had made a settlement of the territory near the capital Agra, and then cossed the Jumna and besieged Najib Khān in Shukartāl. After the end of the rains Govind Pant had been sent by him with 20,000 horse from Thakur Dwara—which is near the hills-across the Ganges to plunder the territory. Shujā'-ud-Daulah marched against him and signally defeated him. Sa'd Ullah Khān, Dūnde Khān and Hāfiz Rahmat Khān, who, as a result of the pressure by the Maratha army, had retired into the Kumāon hills, came and joined him. Najīb Khān also was relieved from the siege. As, however, the force of the Marathas was very large, out of fear of the final result proposals for peace were made3.

At this time, as the arrival of Shāh Durrānī was widely rumoured and Dattājī Sindia had been killed in a battle<sup>4</sup> with him, and Shāh

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, p. 853.

<sup>2</sup> See Srivastava's Shuja-nd-Danlah, pp. 1-49. The amount promised is stated to have been 15 lakhs, 5 lakhs to be paid immediately and the balance of 10 lakhs after a year, p. 49. The light fighting took place in June, 1757.

<sup>3</sup> See Srivastava, op. cit., pp. 78-81. The place where Najib Khān was besieged is rightly written as Shukartāl by Srivastava and Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., p. 207, but incorrectly Shukartār by Sir Wolsely Haig in Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 444.

<sup>4</sup> Battle of Barāri Ghāt, 9th January, 1760, see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp. 222,223; Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 416.

Durrānī was encamped at Sikandra, Shuj'ā-ud-Daulah on the recommendation of Najīb Khān and after executing oaths and promises, went with 10,000 horse and waited1 on the Shah. He distinguished himself in the battle2 with Sadāshiv Rāō Bhāō, and was complimented. At the time of returning to his country the Shah left the empire of India to Sultan 'Alī Gauhar, who is now the Emperor and is known by the high and low as Shāh 'Ālam, and Shujā'-ud-Daulah was appointed as the Prime Minister3. The latter went to Oudh, and sent a request for return to Shah 'Alam Bahadur, who after the death of his revered father 'Aziz-ud-Din Badshah 'Alamgir, II in 1173 A.H. (1759-60 A.D.) had assumed sovereignty in the areas between Bihār and Bengāl. He himself also went as far as the Karmnasa river to welcome the Emperor4. When the imperial equipage in the end of 1174 A.H. (June, 1761) reaching Jājmau encamped there, the Antarbed territory, which means the country between the Ganges and the Jumna, and which for some ten years had been held by the Marathas, once again became imperial territory5. In the year 1175 A.H. (1761-62 A.D.) the victorious standards crossed the Jumnā and took Kālpī and the fort of Jhānsī from the Marathas. In this year Shujā'-ud-Daulah was exalted by the presents of the Vazīrs' dress of honour, a necklace of pearls and a jewelled inkstand. After-

<sup>1</sup> See Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp 274-279 for a detailed account; also Srivastava op. cit., pp. 88-92.

<sup>2</sup> Battle of Panipat, 14th January, 1761.

<sup>3</sup> This account is repeated in Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 448, but see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp. 376,377 where it is stated that the 'parting instructions (of Abdali) were that Shah Alam should be recognized as Emperor, Imad reappointed Wazir'. Shujā'-ud-Daulah had left Delhī for Oudh a fortnight before Abdāli started on his return march. See also Srivastava, op. cit., pp. 111-113.

<sup>4</sup> See Srivastava, op. cit., p. 130, where full details of the arrival of Shāh 'Alam are given.

<sup>5</sup> Srivastava, op. cit., pp. 131-135.

<sup>6</sup> Srivastava, op. cit., pp. 136-140.

<sup>7 15</sup>th February, 1762, vide Srivastava. op. cit., p. 141.

wards he went with the Emperor to Bengal, and was defeated1 by the English who had become powerful in that territory. The Emperor had an interview with the English, and Shujā'-ud-Daulah went to Allahabad and busied himself in collecting troops. At Buksar there was a second<sup>3</sup> battle, and this time also there was complete defeat, and all his equipment was plundered. Shuja'-ud-Daulah was consequently forced to seek refuge with Hafiz Rahmat Khan. He treated him with contempt, and had an eye on the remainder of his property. At last coming to the Ganges opposite Farrukhābād, he thrust himself upon Ahmad Khan Bangash; he also did not welcome him. A third time in conjunction with 'Imad-ul-Mulk and Malhar Rão Holkar he attempted to contend with them. They sent a small force to meet him and a slight engagement took place. Holkar went off to Kalpi and Imad-ul-Mulk to the Jat's country. Consequently he made peace with the English, and was content with the name of the Vazīr. For some years with their help he engaged in the settlement of the provinces, and accepted them as partners in their revenues. In the year 1188 A.H. (1774-75 A.D.) he with their help attacked Hāfiz Rahmat Ullāh Khān Rohilla—who was a companion of Alī Muhammad Khān Rōhilla and after his death had taken possession of some of the territories held by him—and put him to the sword. In the same year4 he died as a result of complications due to various ailments. His son, who is in Oudh, at the time of vriting is known as Mīrzā Amānī. His title is Āsaf-ud-Daulha, but the English are the dominat partner in his domain.

As in connection with Shujā'-ud-Daulah the name of Aḥmad Shāh Durrānī has been mentioned, it is necessary to include some

r Battle of Panch Pahāri, 3rd May, 1764. The English are called Feringis and Hat-wearers in the text.

<sup>2</sup> Battle of Buxar, 23rd October, 1764; see Srivastava, op. cit., pp. 230-240.

<sup>3</sup> Srivastava, op. cit., pp. 285-294.

<sup>4</sup> According to Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary, p. 382, he died on 29th January, 1775.

account of his career. It is stated that he was a follower of Nadir Shah, and was one of his Yasawals (Guards). Later he became a Mingbashi (Commander of 1,000). After Nadir Shah's assassination he raised the standard of power in Kābul and Qandahār, and struck coins and had the Khutba recited in his own name. He came seven times to India. The first was about the end of the year 1151 A.H. (1739 A.D.) with Nadir Shah. The second in the year 1161 A.H. (1748A.D.) when Prince Ahmad Shah and other nobles rallied forth to oppose him, and in which battle Qamr-ud-Din Khan was killed by a cannon ball, the Durrani Shah then returned to Kabul and Qandahar. The third was in 1162 A.H. (1749 A.D.), the 4th in 1165 A.H. (1752 A.D.); on each occasion he fought with Mu'in-ul-Mulk. On the second occasion Mu'in-ul-Mulk after an interview was appointed as his Deputy in Lahore. The fifth time in 1170 A.H. (1757 A.D., he advanced to Shāhjahānābād (Delhī). He had an interview with 'Alamgir, II, and had the daughter of 'Izz-ud-Din the brother of 'Alamgir, II, married to his son Timur Shah. He also addressed himself to the chastisement of Sūraj Mal, but owing to the outbreak of cholera he speedily returned (to Afghanistan). On this occasion he married the daughter of Muhammad Shāh. The sixth time was in 1173 A.H. (1759 A.D.) when he killed Dattājī Sindia, and encamped at Sikandra (Sikandarābād). In the following year Sadāshiv Rão alias Bhão with a large army was defeated by him, and he then returned to Qandahar. The seventh was in 1175 A.H. (1762 A.D.), and on this occasion he thoroughly chastised the Sikhs, and sent Nürud-Dīn Durrānī—who was a cousin of the Ashraf-ul-Vuzarā Shāh Walī Khān—against Sukh Jīvān the Governor of Kashmīr.

Sukh Jīvān<sup>2</sup> was a Khatrī by caste and an inhabitant of Kābul. At first he was the accountant of the Ashraf-ul-Vuzarā Shāh Walī Khān, the Vazīr of the Durrānī Shāh. Once Shāh Durrānī had sent

r The account of Ahmad Shāh Abdālī is based on <u>Kbazāra'-i-'Āmira</u> (Lith. Edn.), p. 97.

<sup>2</sup> Sukh Jīvān's account is also taken from Khazāna'-i-'Āmira, pp. 114, 115. See also Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp. 488,489.

him from Kābul to collect the dues from Mu'in-ul-Mulk. When in the year 1167 A.H. (1754 A.D.) Shah Durrani sent Abdullah Ishak Agasi from Kabul to conquer Kashmir, and he took it from the Governor who held it on behalf of 'Alamgir, II, 'Abdullah Khan alias Khwāja Kīchak was left with a force of Afghāns as his Deputy, and the Dīwānī was assigned to Sukh Jīvān. He himself returned to Kābul. After a time Sukh Jīvān killed the Afghān leaders, and at first imprisoned Khwaja Kichak and later deported him from Kashmir. Sukh Jīvān then sent some money to 'Alamgir, II, through the mediation of 'Imad-ul-Mulk, the Vazīr, and begged for a Farmān for the government of the country in his own name. He struck coins and had the Khutha recited in the name of 'Alamgir, II. He reduced into submission the entire province whether it consisted of crown-lands or the Mansabdar's fiefs. Sukh Jīvan was possessed of excellent qualities and was almost a Muhammadan. He repaired and restored the shrines and gardens of Kashmir and every day after closing his court he called 200 Muslims before him and fed them on a meal of several courses. Every month on the 12th and 11th (?15th) he distributed cooked food to all visitors, whether they were darweshes or otherwise, and concerned himself in alleviating their condition. Every week he arranged an assembly of poets, when all the poets of Kashmir would gather together, and partake in a feast after close of the session. When Nūr-ud-Dīn Khān reached there, Sukh Jīvān sent an army to hold the passes and stop him. The Durranis overcame the resistance and were victorious after a hard struggle and much fighting, and having cleared the passes and mountainous ravines of the Kashmīrīs killed large numbers of them. They then from the rear advanced to the city of Kashmir (Srinagar). Sukh Jivan drew up the armed forces, which he had with him, and exerted himself as best as he could. But the Kashmīrīs were not able to withstand the Durrānīs and were defeated. Sukh Jīvān with all his family members was taken prisoner, and Shah Durrani after this victorious ending appointed Nūr-ud-Dīn Khān as his Deputy in Kashmīr.

## SHUJā '-UL-MULK AMĪR-UL-UMARĀ (Vol. II, pp. 722, 723).

He was the fifth son1 of Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh. His real name was Mir Muhammad Sharif. In the lifetime of his father he was raised to the rank of a Khan, and granted the title of Basalat Jang In the time of Salabat Jang he was appointed Governor of Bijapur, but after a time he went to his brother Salabat Jang and became the general manager of his household. In 1172 A.H. (1758-59 A.D.) Nizām-ud-Daulah Aşaf Jāh in view of his position as the heir apparent—which position had been assigned to him earlier came to interview Salābat Jang. Shujā'-ud-Daulah under the circumstances did not consider it advisable to remain with Salabat Jang, and giving up his office went away to his own province. When the above mentioned Asaf Jah perceived the unsuitable behaviour of Salabat Jang, he separated from him, and with a view to collecting tributes (pēshkashāt) went to Rājmehandrī in Haidarābād. Shujā'-ul-Mulk again returned to Salabat Jang, and as in earlier times, began to look after all his affairs. As the collection of revenues from the estates had fallen to a low level, and the pay of the soldiery had been increased much more than previously, interested colleagues-who were only concerned in their own good-believed that a settlement would be difficult and hence retired. Later, when the government of the Deccan was assigned to the said Asaf Jah, he for a time dropped the thread of ceremoniousness, and made up various plans. All these plans failed, and several estates in the Bijāpūr Sūba fell into the hands of the Marathas and Haidar 'Ālī Khān—whose biography2 has been separately given—rose to power. Shuja'-ul-Mulk, at the time of writing, contents himself in managing certain areas of the Sarkar Imtiyazgarh alias Adoni and Firuzgarh Rāīchūr, and has adopted the principle of "slanting the jar but not spilling its contents" (acting inconsistently with impossible results).

<sup>1</sup> See the genealogical table in Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 622,

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 611-613, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 597,598.

## SIPAHDĀR <u>KH</u>ĀN MUḤAMMAD ṢĀLIḤ (Vol. II, pp. 427-429).

He was the brother's son and adopted son of Khwaja Beg Mīrzā Safavī, who in the reign of Emperor Jahāngīr was Governor of Ahmadnagar, and had attained the rank of 5,000; he died in the 13th' year. The subject of this notice, in the 5th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign, was appointed to a suitable rank, and granted the title of Khanjar Khan. After Khwaja Beg's death he was promoted to the rank of 2,000, and appointed Governor of the fort of Ahmadnagar2. In the 15th year, when the Deccanis having broken off their engagements raised commotion, and besieged the fort, he took proper precautions, and ably defended it. When he was encouraged by the arrival in the Deccan of the imperial army under Sultan Khurram, he sallied out and drove off the besiegers; some 200 of them were killed. In the 19th year, when an imperial army was deputed to assist Mulla Muhammad Lari, the 'Adil Khani general-who had a quarrel with Malik 'Ambar the Abysinnianand when that leader was killed after a fight, and his force was defeated and some of the imperial officers were captured by the enemy, Khanjar Khan marched rapidly to Ahmadnagar<sup>3</sup> and strengthened it. When after Emperor Jahangir's death, Khan Jahan Lodi the Governor of the Deccan went astray and intrigued with Nizām-ul-Mulk Deccani, and sent letters to the Thanadars of Balaghat-which had been annexed as an imperial domain—to surrender (their posts) to Nizām-ul-Mulk's men, the said Khān wrote "Refused' '-(Dast radd) on his letter, and did not surrender the fort4. In the end of that reign his rank had risen to 5,000 with 5,000 horse, and he had the title of Sipahdar Khan. After the accession of Shah Jahan, and his coming to

<sup>1</sup> Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), II, p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 9.

<sup>3</sup> Khāfī Khān, I, p. 348, ard Bādshāhnāma, I, pr. i, p. 76.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 384.

the Deccan, three armies under three leaders were sent to devastate the country of Nizām-ul-Mulk and to punish Khān Jahān Lodī, who had stirred up strife, and taken refuge with the Nizām, Sipahdār Khān was attached to Shayista Khan. In the battle, which A'zam Khan fought against Khan Jahan Lodi, he distinguished himself. In the 4th year he besieged and captured the forts of Taltum1, which was on the top of a hill, and is at present in ruin, and Situnda. In the same year he was honoured by appointment as Governor2 of the fort of Ahmadnagar in succession to Jan Nithar Khan, and received a dress of honour and a horse with golden saddle. In the 7th year he came to the Court, and received the rank of 5,000 foot and horse, of which 3,000 were 2-horse, 3-horse, and was appointed Governor<sup>3</sup> of Ahmadabad in succession to Baqir Khan Najm Thani. In the 8th year he was removed from there and sent to look after Elichpur. In the 9th year, when the Emperor came to visit Daulatābād, he presented himself, and was sent<sup>5</sup> with Khan Jahan Barah to devastate the 'Adil Shahi territory. In this campaign also he rendered good service. In the 10th year, he had charge of a battery during the siege of Deogarh. When a mine, which had been laid from his battery, was filled with gun-powder and exploded, and the bastion and a part of the wall were blown up, he bravely entered the fort and put the enemy to the sword. Later, he was appointed Governor of the fort of Junair in the Deccan. In the 17th year corresponding to A.H. (1644 A.D.) he died, and was burried in the tomb of Khwaja Bēg Mīrzā at Ahmadnagar. He was a God-fearing man, possessed of good judgment and distinguished for his bravery. He was very fond of Iranians, and had an excellent posse of retainers. He had no sons. Many of his sons-in-law and relations held various offices.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 346.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 399.

<sup>3</sup> He was appointed Governor of Gujarāt—see Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 8.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 102.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 140.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 233.

<sup>7</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 378.

## (RĀJA) SĪV RĀM GAUR (Vol. II, pp. 263-265).

He was the son of Balram son of Raja Gopal Das. As his father and grand-father were killed in the attack on Sind when Shah Jahan was a prince, he became a greater favourite with the Emperor. After his accession, Sīv Rām was appointed to a suitable rank, and granted1 Dhandhēra, which means some Parganas of Sārangpūr in Mālwa, as his homeland. By the 10th year he had advanced to the rank of 1,500 with 1,000 horse2, and for a time was Governor of the Asir fort. In the 18th year he was removed from this office, and in the 19th year was nominated4 to accompany Prince Murad Bakhsh on the expedition to Balkh and Badakhshān. Afterwards he somehow returned to the Court, and in the 20th year had charge of the Kabul fort. In the 21st year he was removed from there, but in the end of the same year when the disputes of 'Abdul 'Aziz Khān with Nadhr Muḥammad Khān became known to the Emperor, a body of troops was sent to Kābul as a precautionary measure; and he also was attached to this force. In the 22nd year, he received a promotion of 200 horse in his rank, and was detailed to the Qandahar campaign under Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb. In the 25th year, when his uncle Rāja Bēthal Dās (Gaur) died, his rank was increased to 2,000 with 1,500 horse, and he was granted the title of Raja; he was also detailed a second time with the above-mentioned prince on the same campaign. In the 26th year he was with Prince Dara Shikoh on the same campaign. From there he was sent with Rustam Khān Fīrūz Jang for reducing the fort of Bust. In the 28th year he went with Sa'd Ullah Khan to demolish Chittor. In the 31st year his rank was advanced to 2,500 with 2,500 horse, and he was honoured by being

<sup>1</sup> Badshahnama, I, pt. ii, p. 142.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 304.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 484.

<sup>6 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālib, III, p. 133.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 388.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 641.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 157.

appointed as the Governor of Māndū. In the battle of Samūgarh, he was in the vanguard of Dārā Shikōh's army, and was killed there in 1068 A.H. (1658 A.D.).

# SIYĀDAT <u>KH</u>ĀN SAIYID <u>ŌGH</u>LĀN (Vol. II, pp. 494-496).

Oghal in Turkish means a son, and Oghlan2 is its plural. In the Kingdom of Bokhāra it is the title of Saiyids and Sharīfs, and they have a right to its use in the assemblies of the ruler of the territory. Siyadat Khan was the son of the teacher Khan of Firuz Jang's Bahadur, and through him he came to the notice of Emperor Aurangzīb, and succeeded in receiving a suitable appointment. In the 27th year of the reign, he was appointed to teach Muhammad Kam Bakhsh. He was also the intermediary for presenting to the Emperor the reports of Khan Firuz Jang Bahadur—who was absent—and thus had access to the Presence4. When that Bahadur burnt the fort of Rahiri, and slew the infidels and destroyed their property, Siyadat Khan in the 28th year, as a reward for bringing in this good news, received an elephants, and afterwards the title of Siyadat Khan. In the 29th year, he was appointed Examiner of Petitions in succession to Lutf Ullah Khan, as a special favour a jade inkstand was given to him6. Later although he was removed from this office, but he carried on the duties of the Superintendent of the Diwan-i-Khas. In the 41st year, corresponding to 1108 A.H. (1697 A.D.), he died of plague which had become

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, pp. 95,102. a biography of Siv Rām Gaur is also published in the Urdu work Umrā'i Hunūd, pp. 390-392 (1932).

<sup>2</sup> This is incorrect. Oghlan is not the plural of Oghal in Turkish, and merely means a son.

<sup>3</sup> Ghāzī-ud-Din Khān Bahādur Firūz Jang, Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 872-879; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 587-592.

<sup>4</sup> See for example Maatbir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 269.

<sup>5</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 252.

<sup>6</sup> Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 270. The jade inkstand was given to Fāḍil Khān and not Siyādat Khān.
7 Op. vit., p. 392.

rampant in the royal camp. His son received the father's title, and in the 43rd year was appointed Examiner of Petitions. In the 47th year having been promoted to the rank of 2,500 foot with 700 horse, he was repeatedly deputed as head of an army for the punishment of the Marathas. About this time through the jugglery of Fate he became blind of both eyes, and on this account was excluded from the Presence. During the government of Amīr-ul-Umarā Ḥusain 'Alī Khān, he was appointed as the Governor of the fort of Aḥmadnagar in the province of Aurangābād.

When the government of the Deccan devolved on Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh, this noble, as he was very appreciative of his services, confirmed him in his appointment. After his death, his son Muhammad Mīr Khān got the hereditary title and the charge of the fort. For a time he was Bakhshī of the troopers³ of ʿĀṣaf Jāh. After him, his son Saiyid Ḥamīd Khān got the title of Siyādat Khān, and was appointed deputy to his brother-in-law Saiyid Lashkar Khān, the Governor of Berār. For a time he served as the Governor of Bīdar. At last he received the title of Ḥamīd-ud-Daulah. In the year 1184 A.H. (1770 A.D.), he died. At the time of writing his son has the title of Nāmwar Jang Bahādur. He is fond of Rēkhta¹ composition. There were many brothers and uncles of Siyādat Khān Saiyid Ḥamīd, but none attained any eminence.

# SIYADAT <u>KH</u>AN MĪR ZAIN-UD-DĪN 'ALĪ (Vol. II, pp. 463-465).

He was a brother of Islām Khān<sup>5</sup> of Mashhad. In the early part of the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān he was appointed to a suitable

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 407.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 473.

<sup>3</sup> Apparently Sā'ir Sarkār means Customs or Miscellaneous Revenue Department.

<sup>4</sup> Rēkhta goi probably means that he wrote Urdu poetry.

<sup>5</sup> For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 162-167; Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 694-696.

rank. In the 6th year he was appointed Superintendent' of Branding and the Master of Mansabdars. Later, when the province of Bengal was assigned to Islam Khan, the said Khan accompanied him. Islām Khān sent a force2 under the leadership of his brother to Kūch Hājō and the Mōrang territories on the borders of the province. A great deal of fighting took place with the contumacious elements of the areas, and thereafter the area was properly settled. In the 11th year, he had the rank of 1,000 foot with 200 horse, and the title3 of Siyadat Khan. In the 13th year, when Islam Khan was summoned to the Presence for appointment as the Vazīr, Siyādat Khān was appointed4 as his Deputy in Bengal. In the 14th year he had an increase of 200 horse, and in the 16th year a further increase5 of 500 foot. In the 19th year when Islam Khan was exalted by his appointment as the Governor of the four provinces of the Deccan, Siyadat Khan was raised to the rank of 2,000 foot with 500 horse, and attached to his brother in the Deccan auxiliaries6. In the same year he was appointed Governor of the fort of Daulatabad in succession to Prithi Raj. In the 21st year, he had an increase of 200 horse, and on his brother's death, he was granted an increase of 500 foot with 300 horse, and confirmed in his appointment as Governor of Daulatabad. In the 22nd year, he returned to the Court on being removed from this post. In the 23rd year he was appointed 2nd Bakhshi, and promoted8 to the rank of 3,000 foot with 3,000 horse. In the 24th year he was granted an increase of 500 and appointed Governor® of the fort of the Capital in succession to Baqi Khan. In the 29th year he was removed from this office, but was re-instated10 in the 30th year. After Emperor Aurangzīb's accession to the throne, and when in the 1st year the royal cavalcade reached the Capital in pursuit of

<sup>1</sup> Badsbabnama, I, pt. i, p. 543.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 90.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 336.

<sup>7 &#</sup>x27;Amal Salih, III, p. 9.

<sup>9</sup> Op. cit., p. 111.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 75.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 164.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 430.

<sup>8</sup> Op. cit., p. 105.

<sup>10</sup> Op. cit., p. 241.

Dārā Shikōh, he was appointed to administer the affairs of the place. In the 2nd year of the reign, 1069 A.H. (1659 A.D.) he died<sup>2</sup> a natural death. His son Faḍl³ Ullāh Khān, and his nephews Ṣafī Khān and 'Abdur Raḥīm Khān and 'Abdur Raḥmān sons of Islām Khān were granted mourning robes. His eldest son Mīr Faiḍ Ullāh was granted the title of Faiḍ Ullāh Khān in the 1st year of 'Ālamgīr's reign, and was Superintendent of the Jewel room. Later he was made Mīr Tūzuk. In the 12th year when Dildār, son of Alif Khān Muḥammad Ṭāhir, grandson of Daulat Khān, on account of an enmity with Multafat Khān, fell out with him, and while the Emperor was seated in the general and special Hall of Audience, Faḍl Ullāh Khān boldly struck him with a staff on the head. On this score he fell from favour, and was degraded from his office<sup>4</sup>. In the 2 oth year, he was restored to his earlier office and deputed<sup>5</sup> to Bengāl. After sometime a servant killed him there<sup>6</sup> with a dagger.

## SUBAL SINGH SĒSŌDĪA (Vol. II, pp. 468, 469).

He was a grandson of Rānā Amar Singh. For a time he was in the service of Prince Dārā Shikōh. In the 23rd year, at the request of the said prince, he was admitted into imperial service, and appointed to the rank of 2,000 foot with 1,000 horse. In the 25th year he was given an increase of 500, and granted a flag; he was also detailed to accompany Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur, who was being sent to Qandahār campaign for the second time. In the 26th year, he again went with Prince Dārā Shikōh on the same campaign. It is

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 161.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit, p. 418.

<sup>3</sup> Faid Ullah in text is apparently a mistake, for it is Fadl Ullah in Maathir-i-'Alamgari.

<sup>4</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, pp. 88, 89.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 159.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 160.

clear from the *Bādshāhnāma* that he was alive in the 30th¹ year. No further account of his life has been available, except that it appears from 'Ālamgīrnāma² that he was with Mu'azzam Khān Khānāmān in the Āssām expedition.

### SUJAN SINGH

(Vol. II, pp. 452-454).

He and Biram Deō were the two sons of Surai Mal Sesodia, the second son of Rana Amar Singh. Sujan Singh was an old servant of the State, and by the 10th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign had attained the ranks of 800 with 300 horse. In the 17th year of the reign, he was promoted4 to the rank of 1,000 foot with 400 horse. In the 18th year, he was granted an increase of 100 horse, and in the 19th year he accompanied Prince Murad Bakhsh on the Balkh and Badakhshan Campaign. In the 22nd year through promotion his rank was advanced to 1,500 foot with 700 horse, and he went in attendance on Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur to Qandahār. In the 25th year his rank was further advanced to 2,000 foot with 800 horse, and he accompanied the said prince a second time to the Qandahar fort. In the 26th year he was deputed to Qandahar Campaign for the third time with Prince Dārā Shikōh. In the 29th year, as Mahārāja Jasvant Singh was to be married to his brother's daughter6, he was permitted to go to Mathura. In the 30th year he went with Mu'azzam Khan to Prince Aurangzib Bahadur in the Deccan and rendered good service in the battle with 'Adil Khan's forces. After that he returned to the Court, and was sent with Mahārāja

This should be 20th year as the account in this work ends with the 20th year of Shāh Jahan's reign.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 947.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p, 315.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālib, II, p. 394. 5 Op. cit., p. 418.

<sup>6</sup> Bîram Dēō's daughter was to be married to Mahārāja Jasvant Singh, 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 204, and as is detailed further on in this account.

Jasvant Singh to Mālwa. He was killed in 1068 A.H. (1658 A.D.) in the battle which Prince Aurangzīb fought with the Rājpūts. His son Fath Singh was a Mansabdar. The other brother (Biram Deo) left the Rana's service and came to the Court in the 21st year, and received the rank of 800 foot with 400 horse. In the 22nd year he was promoted to the rank of 1,000 foot with 500 horse, and sent2 with Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur to Qandahār. In the 23rd year he was granted an advance3 of 500, and in the 25th year of 200 horse, and again went to Qandahar with the said prince. In the 26th year his rank was 2,000 foot with 800 horse, and in the 27th he was exalted by a further increase of 200. In the 28th year his rank was increased by 500 foot, and he was presented jewels4 worth Rs. 10,000. In the 29th year he was allowed to proceed to Mathura on account of his daughter's marriage which had been arranged with Mahārāja Jasvant Singh. In the 31st year his rank was advanced by promotion<sup>5</sup> to 3,000 foot with 1,000 horse, and he was sent to the Deccan to Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur. In the 'Ādil Khānī battle when Rāja Rāī Singh Sēsodīa was hard-pressed, he dismounted and fought strenuously. In the Samugarh battle he was placed in the van of Dara Shikoh's forces. Later he joined 'Alamgīr's forces, and was with the Emperor in the battle with Shujā' and in the second battle8 with Dara Shikoh. Afterwards he was appointed to the Deccan<sup>9</sup>, and in the 10th year with Raja Ram Singli Kachwāha rendered good service10 in the Assām war. In the 12th year he was appointed 11 with Saf Shikan Khan who was sent as the Faujdar of Mathura. He died at his appointed time.

1 'Amal Sālib, III, p. 18.

2 Op. cit., p. 72.

3 Op. cit., p. 135.

4 According to 'Amal Sālih the present was in cash, op. cit., p. 204.

5. Op. cit., p. 239.

6 Op. cit., p. 256.

7 Alamgirnāma, p. 95.

8 Op. cit., p. 306.

9 Op. cit., p. 338.

10 Maathir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 65.

11 Op. cit., p. 84.

### (RĀJA) SUJĀN SINGH BUNDĒLA (Vol. II, pp. 291-295).

He was the son of Raja Pahar Singh1. He came to the notice of Emperor Shah Jahan during the lifetime of his father, and was appointed to various offices. When his father died in the 28th year, his rank was raised to 2,000 with 2,000 horse, 2-horse, 3-horse, and he was given the title of Raja2. In the 29th year he was deputed3 with Qasim Khan, the head of the Artillery, for chastising the Zamindar of Srinagar (Garhwal), and was granted a standard and a kettledrum. In the 30th year, he, in accordance with orders, went to the Deccan to join Sultan Aurangzib, the Viceroy of the Deccan. Later, on recall he came to the Presence, and was appointed with Mahārāja (Jasvant Singh) to block the path of the army of the Deccan. On the day of the battle with Sultan Aurangzib, he left the field, and retired to his home. After sometime his offences were forgiven, and he was given a suitable rank by Aurangzīb. In the battle with Shāh Shujā', he was in the right wing. When after his defeat, Shāh Shuja' retired towards Bengal and Prince Muhammad Sultan was deputed to pursue him, Sujān Singh was sent as one of the auxiliaries. He rendered good service in that territory. In the 4th year he was appointed with the auxiliaries of Mu'azzam Khan for the conquest of Kuch Bihar and chastisement of the Zamindar of the place. As he could not do this with the force which he had at his disposal, he after Khan Khanan's arrival joined him. When he reached Assam, he fought bravely against the Assamese, and earned a name for his valour. In the 7th year, he was deputed4 with Raja Jai Singh to the Deccan, and did good service in the siege of the fort of Purandhar. In the 8th year he was honoured by increase of rank to 3,000 with 3,000 horse, of which number 500 were 2-horse, 3-horse. Later he

r Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 256-260; translation antea, pp. 470-472.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Amal Sālib, III, p. 197.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 216.

<sup>4</sup> Khāfī Khān, II, p. 178.

distinguished himself in the fights with the 'Adil Khani forces. In the 9th year, he was sent with Diler Khan on the campaign against Chānda near Berār. In the 11th year, 1078 A.H. (1667-68 A.D.) he died in the Deccan. As he had no sons, Indaraman, his younger brother succeeded him. After the death of his father, Pahar Singh, Indaraman had in the time of Emperor Shah Jahan reached the rank of 500 with 400 horse, and in the 29th year had been sent with Qasim Khan, the head of the Artillery, on the expedition against the Zamīndār of Srīnagar. In the 30th year he was sent to Sultān Muhammad Aurangzīb in the Deccan. In the time of Emperor Aurangzīb, he, in the 1st year, had gone with Subkaran Bundēla to chastise Champat Bundela. Later he was appointed to the Deccan, and made good under Mīrzā Rāja Jai Singh; in recognition of his services his rank was increased, he was granted the title of Raja and granted his homeland as his fief. When Khan Jahan Bahadur was the Governor, he was for a time the Thanadar of Gulshanabad. When he died in the 19th year, his son Jasvant Singh, who was at home, was granted the title of Raja and the government of his native country. In the same year, he came to the Deccan with a large force, and joined the Emperor's service. In the 21st year he was appointed to chastise the sons of Champat Bundela, who were creating a disturbance in Bundelkhand. In the 29th year, he went to Bijapur with Himmat Khān son of Khān Jahān Kōkaltāsh. At the time of departure, he received a dress of honour and a drum. He rendered good service in the expedition against the fort of Mulkhair. In the 30th year he died. After him his son Bhagwant Singh had the title of Raja and the government of his native country, but he died in the 31st year. At the request of Rani Amar Kaur, his grandmother, the management of the estate was given in the name of Udai Singh son of Pratap Singh-whose lineage went upto Raja Madhūkar. Pratap Singh had been subsisting on one village of Pargana of Ondcha (Orcha). He was honoured with the grant of the title of Raja. In

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 273.

the 33rd year he came from his home and did homage. In the 47th year his rank was raised to 3,500 with 1,500 horse, and he was appointed Governor of the fort of Khēlna—which was renamed Sakhrulnā. After Autangzīb's death when his position became insecure, he retired to his home after making over the fort to the Marathas. After him his son Prithī Singh and his grandson Sānwal Singh had the Zamīndārī of Ōrcha. At the time of writing Pancham Singh son of Sānwal Singh is in possession.

# (MĪRZĀ) SULAIMĀN (Ruler of Badakhshān) (Vol. III, pp. 264-277).

He was connected through five generations with the Lord of Conjunction-Amīr Tīmūr Gūrgānī. This territory (Badakhshān) was long held by a family which claimed descent from Alexander the Great. No neighbouring princes interfered with this family, who were content only with exacting a small tribute. When Sultan Abū Sa'īd Gūrgān came to the throne, he captured Sultān Muhammad, who was the last of his race, and put him to death along with his children and other relations, and took possession of Badakhshān. Later, when Sulțan Mahmud Mirza son of Sulțan Abu Sa'id after capturing Samarqand died, Amīr Khusrau Shāh—who had become an Amīr through the patronage of Sultan Mahmud-for sometime carried on the sovereignty in the names of Mīrzās Bāysanghar and Mas'ūd, the sons of the late King. Then he blinded the first and killed the second, and in 905 A.H. (1499-1500 A.D.) ascended the throne of Badakhshān2. In 910 A.H. (1504-05 A.D.) Emperor Babur, the conqueror of the world-who after fighting grand battles with the Chaghtai and Uzbeg princes in Mawar-ul-Nahr saw that the position was not favourable to him, and therefore turned away from his native land-came to Badakhshan with a few followers. As

<sup>1</sup> Text has Muhammad which is incorrect.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, I. Beveridge's translation, p. 230, note 2.

Khusrau Shāh's men took the road of disloyalty, and joined Bābur, he also was obliged to join his service. Bābur in spite of Khusrau's injustices to two of his cousins gave him leave to proceed to Khurāsān with some of his possessions. Bābur after arranging the affairs of Badakhshān went to Kābul.

When in 912 A.H. (1506-07 A.D.) Babur took Qandahar from Shāh Bēg Arghūn, he sent Khān Mīrzā, who was the son of Sultān Maḥmūd and son of Mīrzā Sulaimān to Badakhshān. He after many adventures firmly established himself in that territory. In the year 9171 A.H. (1511-12 A.D.) he died. Thereupon Babur gave Badakhshan to Prince Humayun, and for a long time his officers administered that territory. After the conquest of India and the battle with Rana Sanga, Prince Humayun on 9th Rajab, 933 A.H.2 (11th April, 1527 A.D.) took leave to settle Kābul and Badakhshān. He enjoyed himself for a year in Badakhshān, and then was suddenly overcome by a desire to see his august father. He thereupon made over Badakhshān to Sultān Wais3, who was the father-in-law of Mīrzā Sulaiman, and proceeded towards India. It happened that during his absence Sultan Sa'id Khan, who was one of the Khans of Kashghar, proceeded to Badakhshān on the summons of Sultan Wais and other officers. Mīrzā Hindāl, however, arrived before him, and strengthened the fort of Zafar. Sa'īd Khān after besieging it for three months returned unsuccessful to Kashghar. It was, however, reported in India that Kāshgharīs had taken possession of Badakhshān. Bābur thereupon directed Prince Humayun to go there, but he represented that he had vowed that he would not voluntarily deprive himself of the pleasure of waiting upon his father, but that if he was ordered to go, there was no help to it. So Mīrzā Sulaimān was sent to Badakhshān, and a letter written to Sultān Sa'īd Khān saying: "This affair

<sup>1</sup> As has been discussed at length by Beveridge Akbarnāma, I, translation, p. 266, note, 5, this date appears to be wrong; it should be 927 (1521 A.D.).

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, translation, I, p. 267.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 271.

seems strange in view of my numerous claims on your consideration. I have now recalled Mīrzā Hindāl and sent Mīrzā Sulaimān. If in consideration of the hereditary rights you should hand over Badakhshān to him—for he is as a son to us both—that would be desirable. Otherwise, I having discharged my responsibility, will place the inheritance in the hands of the heir. The rest you know¹". Before Mīrzā Sulaimān's arrival at Kābul, however, Badakhshān had been freed from the designs of the evil-minded persons, and transformed into an abode of peace². The Mīrzā brought the whole of that territory under his control, and established himself firmly.

After the predominance of Sher Khan in India, when Mīrza Kamran had the Khutba recited and the coins struck in his own name in Kābul, he sent a message to Mīrzā Sulaimān that in Badakhshān also the Khutba should be recited and coins struck in his name. Mīrzā refused to obey this command and collected an army. But he found that he would not be able to resist and so knocking on the door of peace submitted to recite the Khutba and strike coins in Kāmrān's name. Mīrzā Kāmrān confiscated some of the districts of Badakhshan, and after settling these on his own men returned. Mīrzā Sulaimān broke the compact and took possession of these districts. Mīrzā Kāmrān again led an atmy towards Badakhshān, and a battle took place at Andarab. Mīrza Sulaiman after being defeated took refuge in the fort of Zafar. Having lost heart as a result of a prolonged siege and the unfaithfulness of his men, he was obliged to come out of the fort and wait on Mīrzā Kāmrān. The latter imprisoned Mīrzā Sulaimān and his son, Mīrzā Ibrāhīm, and brought them to Kābul. Friday4, 17th Jummāda II is the chronogram of this event (948 A.H., or 8th October, 1540 A.D.).

When on 25th Jummada II, 952 A.H. (3rd September, 1545 A.H.) Humāyūn returned from Irān and captured the Qandahār fort by force from Mīrzā 'Askarī, and it was reported that he was proceed-

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 273, 274.

<sup>3</sup> Op, cit., p. 408.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 275.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 409.

ing to Kabul, Mîrzā Kāmrān was thinking of releasing Mīrzā Sulaimān in the hope that he might later prove a useful ally, but meanwhile a number of Mīrzā Sulaimān's supporters joining together took possession of the fort of Zafar, and imprisoned Mîrzā Kāmrān's officers. They also sent a message that if Mīrzā Sulaimān was released they would make over the country, otherwise they would kill the officers and hand over the country to the Uzbegs. This coincided with the earlier deliberations, and so Mīrzā Kāmrān soothed Mīrzā Sulaimān and Mīrzā Ibrāhīm by treating them kindly, and sent them to Badakhshān. They had not completed the journey when Mīrzā Kamran repented of having let them go, and sent men to recall them. The Mīrzā, however, sent a written excuse<sup>1</sup> and proceeded to Badakhshān. When Emperor Humāyūn took Kābul from Mīrzā Kāmrān without a fight, Mīrzā Sulaimān became hostile, and had the Khutha recited in his own name. Emperor Humayun marched towards Badakhshān in 953 A.H. (1546 A.D.), and the Mīrzā being unable to resist him retired to the wilds, and all that country passed into Humāyūn's possession. He made the fort of Zafar his Capital. At this time Mīrzā Kāmrān, who had fled to Sind, finding that Kābul was undefended, made a rapid march, and took possession of it. Perforce Emperor Humāyūn was compelled to send for Mīrzā Sulaimān and to restore his territory to him. After Emperor Humayun had crossed the Indus on his expedition to India, the Mīrzā also took possession<sup>3</sup> of some neighbouring districts. After Emperor Humayūn's death, he, his son Mīrzā Ibrāhīm and his wife Haram Begum known as Wali Ni'mat-who managed most of his affairs-came and besieged4 Kābul.

As Mun'im Khan, who was defending the fort and the city found himself in a difficult situation, a sort of peace was arranged, and

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 469.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 504.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 637, 638.

<sup>4</sup> The account is based on Akbarnāma, II, Beveridge's translation, pp. 39, 40. The name of Mirzā Ibrāhim's wife there is Ḥaram Bēgum, while in the text it is Khurram Bēgum.

In 967 A.H. (1559-60 A.D.) he Mīrzā Sulaimān returnedi. collected a force and marched towards Balkh. Far-seeing well-wishers pointed out that it was unwise to attack with the available forces Pir Muhammad Khan, who had a number of powerful supporters and also a large force of Uzbegs. They also added that experienced commanders had stated that in the case of a small force opposing a much larger force there must be large number of experienced leaders in the smaller force. In this case they only had two leaders, one Mīrzā Sulaiman and the other Mirza Ibrahim. He, however, paid no heed to their words and started the fray. When later he saw that the affair was not proceeding as he had hoped, he started retreating towards Badakhshān. They also councilled Mīrzā Ibrāhīm, who was eager for battle, to retire as his father had done, but he replied that it was difficult to get away, and so he would fight, and see what came of it. Muhammad Qulī Khan Shighālī roughly said that it was generally agreed amongst soldiers that when they had gone a bow's length from the enemy, it was difficult to engage in a hand to hand fight. With great difficulty Mīrzā Ibrāhīm made his escape, and with a few men, on foot and disguised, he came to a village. The people of the place recognizing him arrested him, and took him to Pir Muhammad Khan. He put him to death after keeping him under surveillance for a few days. Mīrzā Sulaimān found that chronogram: Ko nakbl umed pidr (where is the sapling of a father's hopes? 967 A.H., 1559-60 A.D.). Before this occurrence Mîrzā Ibrāhīm had written an ode, the opening verse of which was :-

### Verse

I go to the land of regret like a tulip with a scar on its heart,
On the day of Resurrection I ill rise from the clay with a
scarred heart.

And one of the eloquent men composed this quatrain:

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 41, 42.

#### Quatrain

Ah! Badakhshān Ruby, thou'st gone from Badakhshān, Thou hast gone from the shade of the shining sun. In the age thou wast like Sulaimān's signet-ring, Alas! that thou hast gone from Sulaimān's finger.

When in the 8th year of Emperor Akbar's reign, in accordance with a secret request from Mirzā Muhammad Hakim-whose mother had been put to death by the ungrateful Shah Abūl Ma'ālī-Mīrzā Sulaiman and his wife came to Kabul and as a retribution for his deeds hung2 Abūl Ma'ālī. He gave his daughter to Mīrzā Ḥakīm in marriage, and distributed two parts of the Kābul territory to his own men. He appointed Umed 'Alī, one of the Chief officers of Badakhshān as the Minister of Mīrzā Muḥammad3 Hakīm, and himself returned to Badakhshān. As Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm was worried over the supremacy of the Badakhshīs, he drove them out of Kābul, and made over the country to his own followers. In 971 A.H. (1563-64 A.D.) Mīrzā Sulaimān started for Kābul to put this matter right. Mīrzā Muhammad Hakim on hearing this news made over the city to Baqi Qaqshal and Ma'sum Koka, and left the place. After crossing the Indus he implored for help from Emperor Akbar. When Mîrzā Sulaiman heard of Mīrza's escape, he started in his pursuit, but on finding that he had got away, he returned and took Jalalabad. also set about besieging Kābul. When, however, he heard that Mīrzā Muhammad Hakim with Pir Muhammad Khan and other leaders of the Atga Khail, who were the nobles of the Panjab and who had been ordered by Emperor Akbar to assist him, had come near, he returned4 to Badakhshān. Again in 973 A.H. (1565-66 A.D.) when he found that the Akbari officers had left Kabul, he came with his wite Haram

I The account of the invasion of Balkh and Mirzā Ibrāhim's death, as also the verses and quatrain, are based on the detailed description in Akbarnāma, II, translation, pp. 188-194.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 320, 321.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 359-363.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 321, 322.

Bēgum. Ḥakīm Mīrzā after strengthening the city went away to Ghorband. Mīrzā Sulaimān tried several ways, and was almost successful in having his prey fall in the net. But Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm getting the news in time departed for India. Mīrzā Sulaimān thereupon was forced to renew the siege of Kābul. He, however, failed in his efforts, and so had to content himself with a small tribute and return¹ to Badakhshān.

After this events so shaped themselves that the Mīrzā could not live in peace in his own country. The details are as follows. Haram Bēgum, the Mītzā's wife and daughter of Sultān Wais Külābī, who was of the Qibchaq tribes, assumed control of the country and the army to such an extent, that the Mīrzā had to make over to her the power of ordering executions—which was a duty that he could not delegate to another. The Badakhshis out of envy charged her with misconduct with her own beloved brother Haidar 'Alī and Mīrzā Ibrāhīm in his youthful folly and at the instigation of the slanderers put that innocent one to death. The Begum addressed herself to the destruction of the Badakhshi officers, and when Mirza Ibrahim was killed, she became annoyed with all the Badakhshi soldiers, and the feuds and differences became general. Muhtarim Khānum, daughter of Shah Muhammad Kashghari, who was married to Mirza Kamran, came from Kābul to Badakhshān on her way back to Kāshghar. Mīrzā Sulaiman wanted to marry her, but the Begum forestalling him married her to her son Mīrzā Ibrāhīm; and thus prevented her becoming a co-wife. But on this score Muhtarim Khānum had a grudge in her heart, and was always dissatisfied and pining for revenge. As meanwhile Mīrzā Ibrāhīm was killed, she began to taunt her more and more. Haram Begum's sole idea was that becoming sick of her ill treatment Muhtarim Khanum might depart for Kashghar, and the former might be able to bring up Mīrzā Shāhrukh (Muhtarim Khanum's son) herself. Muhtarim Khanum not wanting to be separated from her child ignored all the insults. At last Mīrzā Shāhrukh grew up

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp 409-412.

to years of discretion, and in conjunction with his mother and at the instigation of the Badakhshīs-who were noted for their intrigues and disloyalty - he fell out with his respected grandfather and grandmother. Sometimes they were at peace, and at other times they were at war. Meanwhile Haram Khanum died, and Mirza Shahrukh took possession of his father's estates; and many of the people leaving Mīrzā Sulaiman joined his party. Mirza Sulaiman, therefore, was obliged to make peace with the Khanum and Shahrukh; and oaths and terms were exchanged. He got permission to leave for pilgrimage to Mecca, and started. His secret intention, however, was to get help from Kabul or India, and to revenge himself. When he reached Kābul, Mīrzā Muhammad Hakim behaved contrary to his expectations, so much so that he did not even give him influential guides who would see him safely over his journey. He thereupon trusting in God took the route to India. He crossed the Indus in the 20th year, 983 A.H. (1575-76 A.D.). Emperor Akbar issued orders to the Panjab officials to welcome him suitably, and to treat him with all respect. Raja Bliagwan Das became his guide and conducted him to the Court. Rupees 50,000 in cash and necessary goods suitable to the status of such a guest were sent to him through Khwaja Aqa Khan. The Mīrzā was overjoyed at receiving such presents which were worth more than several years' revenue of Badakhshan.

When he reached the outskirts of the Capital, he was received by numbers of nobles and peers of the realm, and when he was three miles away, Emperor Akbar himself rode forward to welcome him. The entire city was illuminated. Two lines of elephants were drawn up from the palace to his quarters; they had gold and silver chains, and golden coverings and trappings, and between every two elephants was a hunting leopard (chīta) adorned with jewels and gold-worked coverings and cows with golden headstalls which made them a very attractive sight for all the people who had collected for witnessing the spectacle. The Emperor alighting from his charger embraced him. No rites of hospitality were neglected in the gorgeous feasts that were arranged in Mīrzā's honour. An order was issued to Khān

Jahan, the Governor of the Panjab, to arrange for accompanying the Mīrzā on an expedition to Badakhshān. It so happened, however, that Mun'im Khan Khan Khanan, the Governor of Bengal, died in the same year, and the Mīrzā was offered this appointment in his place. Out of love for his native land the Mīrzā did not accept the appointment, and consequently Khan Jahan was appointed as the Governor of Bengāl2. The Mīrzā saw that there would now be delay in getting the necessary help, and so he asked leave3 for going on a pilgrimage to Mecca thinking that perhaps he might reach Badakhshān from there, and by strategy be able to achieve his object. Accordingly he turned aside from the holy intent, and went instead to Iran to Shah Isma'il II. He treated him with great regard and honour, and provided him with a suitable contingent for the proposed expedition. He had only reached Herāt when the Shāh died. The Mīrzā becoming despondent went to Qandahār, and made Muzaffar Husain his son-in-law. As, however, this scheme did not fructify, he went to Kābul and joined Mīrzā Muhāmmad Hakīm. The latter wanted to proceed to Panjab and create a disturbance there. Mīrzā Sulaimān dissuaded him from this idea, and prevailed on him to accompany him on a march to Badakhshan. Mîrza Shahrukh made preparations for a fight, but after a slight engagement some of the Badakhshīs deserted and joined Mīrzā Sulaimān. Mīrzā Shāhrukh suspecting his other followers also went away to Kulab. At last peace was arranged on the condition that the territory from Taliqan to the Hindu Kush (Hindu Köh in text) which was Mīrzā Ibrāhīm's fief would be made over4 to Mîrzā Sulaimān. For a time peace reigned in the area, and friendly relations were maintained, but sometimes owing to the machinations of evil-minded partisans differences would be-

I The long account of the intrigues in Badakhshān and the quarrels between Mīrzā Sulaimān and Shāhrukh and the former's coming over to India is taken almost verbatim from Akbarnāma, III, Beveridge's translation, pp. 211-222.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 229.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 231.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 423-425.

come quite acute, but so long as the mother of Mīrzā Shāhrukh was alive, the differences were speedily smoothed. After the death of Khanum Begum, however, Mīrzā Shāhrukh behaved arrogantly, and so Mīrzā Sulaiman went to 'Abdullah Khan Uzbeg the ruler of Turan, in the hope that with his assistance, he would succeed in achieving his object. As he had gone off on an expedition to Tashkand, the Mīrzā was received by his father Sikandar Khan. But when the Mīrzā discovered that 'Abdullah Khan was deceitful, he hurriedly left the place. When he reached near Badakhshan, Mīrzā Shāhrukh came forward with humility, and offered that the earlier division of the territory be maintained. The Mīrzā settled down being content with Kishm. 'Abdullah Khan hearing of the disagreements between the Mīrzās and the unrest in the territory, came to Badakhshān in 992 A.H. (1584 A.D.). The Mīrzās abandoned the country without a fight', and Mīrzā Shāhrukh left for India. Mīrzā Sulaimān, however, feeling ashamed at his earlier behaviour was not inclined to go to India. Mīrzā Muḥammad Hakīm assigned him some villiages in the Lamghanat for his support, and sent him off there. After some time he sent him with a force to Badakhshān. He was again defeated and returned. After Mīrzā Muhammad Hakīm died, Mīrzā Sulaimān had perforce to go to India. Kanwar Mān Singh, Governor of Kābul accompanied him as far as Peshāwar. In the end of 31st year he reached the Capital. Prince Sulțan Murad welcomed him and introduced him2 at the Court. He was granted the rank of 5,000, and spent his days in comfort. In the year 997 A.H.3 (1589 A.D.), while the Emperor was away in Kashmir, he died at the age of 77 at Lahore. Ikhshi (meaning beautiful, not Bakhshi as in the text) was the date of his birth (920 A.H., 1514 A.D.). He was distinguished for his courage and military skill.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 652.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 785, 786.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 836, 837. The date of his death is given there as 23rd June, 1589.

# (RĀJA) SULṬĀNJĪ (Vol. II, pp. 338-340).

In the Maratha tribe he had the title of Nimbalkar. He became known with Shāhjī Mānik grandson of Anang Pāl-who in the 15th year of Aurangzib's reign was admitted into imperial service at the recommendation of Bahadur Khan Koka. Anang Pal was a leading Zamīndār of the Deccan. The Rāja under notice was at first in the service of Raja Shahu, and was his general. In the time of Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh after the battle with Mubāriz Khān, he entered imperial service, and received the rank of 7,000 and the estate of Bir and some estates of Sarkar Fathabad in the province of Aurangābād, and the Pargana of Pathrī in Berār. He had 3,000 horsemen. The year in which Nizām-ul-Mulk died, he also died a few months later in the same year, 1161 A.H. (1748 A.D.). Later, when Nasir Jang the Martyr, proceeded towards Pondicherry, and came near his residence, Hanunat Rão his son came out with a large force, and pitched his tents near those of the army of the Islam. Nasir Jang out of respect for his position went to visit him in his camp to offer condolence. He confirmed him in his rank, granted him the hereditary title, and the estates which his father had held. In the time of Salabat Jang, the title of Adhiraj was added to his name. In 1176 A.H. (1762-63 A.D.) he died. His younger son, who survived him, succeeded him. But as service was not of long duration (in that establishment), no settlement was made. After one or two years a small portion of his fief was left to him, and the rest confiscated. At the time of writing, his son, when he had attained manhood, received the name of Dhanpat Rão, and some estates in Berar Suba were given to him as his fief, but his affairs are in a disorganized state.

## SULTĀN <u>KH</u>WĀJA NAQSHBANDĪ<sup>1</sup>

(Vol. II, pp. 379-396).

His name was 'Abdul 'Azīm, and he was the son of Khwāja Khāwand Dost, who was a disciple of Khwāja 'Abdul Shahīd son of Khwaja 'Abdullah known as the Khwajgan-i-Khwaja, who was the son of Khwāja Nāsir-ud-Dīn Ahrār. When Khwāja 'Abdul Shahīd came' to India from Samarqand, Emperor Akbar received him with respect and kindness, and presented him the Pargana of Chamari in the Panjab. The Khwaja lived there for many years. After eighteen years, however, he returned to Samarqand about the end of 982 A.H. (1574-75 A.D.) and died in 984 A.H. (1576-77 A.D). Though Sultan Khwaja was not very learned, his learning and Sufism made him a favourite with the Emperor. He had much influence and developed great intimacy with the Emperor. When in the 21st year, 984 A.H. (1576-77 A.D.) Emperor Akbar resolved to go on a pilgrimage to the Hijaz, his courtiers represented that most wise men, whose opinion were worthy of consideration, had in regard to rulers-who had to dispense justice, and particularly when these noble Kings had to maintain by civil and military measures tranquillity and peace in their extensive territories—laid down that such pilgrimages could only be undertaken if life of their subjects would not in any way be affected thereby. Accordingly, Emperor Akbar gave up the idea. As spiritual feelings had been aroused, he appointed Sultan Khwaja, who was all upright and experienced officer, as the Amīr Hāj (Director of Pilgrimage), and made over to him six lakhs of rupees and twelve thousand robes, so that he could distribute presents in accordance with the rules of propriety to the deserving pilgrims. He was also ordered to enquire into the condition of and prepare a list of the recluses—who

<sup>1</sup> This is a very mixed account. The short biographical notes of <u>Khwāja</u> 'Abdul Shahid, and Sultān <u>Khwāja</u> are followed by a long account of *Din-i-Ilāhī* or the Divine Faith introduced by Akbar.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 127; Beveridge's translation, II, p. 195. He came to India apparently in 968 A.H. (1561 A.D.).

owing to their devotion to spiritual pursuits could not follow any normal professions and handicrafts—and of other contented indigents of that land. This was with a view to sending to that area every year a well qualified person from the Court for granting succour to the needy there. Many high and low joined the caravan for the journey to Ḥijāz; and perhaps few such large caravans had gone previously from India to that land1.

The Khwāja returned in 986 A.H. (1578-79 A.D.) from that edifying journey, and having made his obeisance became the recipient of even greater favours. He was appointed Sadr Kull (Chief Ecclesiastical Officer), and given the rank of 1,000. In the 29th year, 992 A.H. (1584 A.D.) he died a natural death, and was buried in the area on the north side in the fort of Fathpūr. After his death in the beginning of the 33rd year, his daughter was married to Prince Daniyāl. His son Mīr Khwāja in the 46th year attained the rank of 300.

In Dabistān of Mūbaid it is stated that Sulṭān Khwāja was one of the Ālbiān, or in other words, was one of the faith which was founded by Emperor Akbar, and which is known as the Dīn-i-llābī. At the time of his death he requested the Emperor not to bury him like the demons. As a result he was interred in a tomb with a special lamp, and a grill was fixed facing the Sun, so that the light thereof might obliterate his sins<sup>5</sup>. Stories like this do not find a place in trustworthy histories, and they cannot be accepted as there is no positive evidence for their veracity—what Shaikh Badāyūnī and his

<sup>1</sup> This account is taken from Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 192; Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 269-271. See also the very helpful footnotes by the translator.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 263; translation, p. 382.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 437; translation, p. 655. He died on 25th July, 1584 of "weakness of the stomach and heart."

<sup>4</sup> The marriage took place in the 33rd and not the 30th year. See Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 528; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 806.

<sup>5</sup> Dabistan (lith. edn.), p. 806,

like have stated either clearly or by innuendo must be disregarded as being due to bigotry and exaggeration. From what is stated in the biographies of the Chief Shaikhs in the work entitled Thamarat-ul-Qudus by La'11 Beg-who was a Mansabdar under Emperor Akbar, and was connected with the Naqshbandi Order-it appears from the account of Sultan Khwaja that the above statements are unreliable and not worthy of credence. It is stated "As at this time some new faiths were promulgated, and people wanted to make flaws and fissures in the Muhammadan Faith, they therefore determined that if one died they should, after the fashion of the fire-worshippers, have a window in his tomb facing the sun (East). For if the light of the Great Luminary-which is a Divine Light and the source of all other lightsdoes not shine on him, he would not attain Salvation. Some wicked persons wanted to do this with His Holiness (Sultan Khwaja), but as the Almighty God protects the (Naqshbandī) Order, no one was able to carry it out. He was carried to the grave and buried according to the rules of the Sunnat.

In these pages something has been said on the subject (of Divine Faith or Dīn-i-Ilāhī) wherever it was appropriate, but this has always been done with reserve. Here we propose to allow our pen full license, and let it rush over the pages at full gallop. Emperor Akbar from his early youth was fond of, nay enamoured of Indian customs and institutions, either because of a natural inclination or from motives of policy. For example, he let his hair grow, and when after a long time he wanted to shave, he remarked that he had adopted the other practice with a view to conciliating the natives of India, but as this was no longer necessary he was going to shave. Although he laboured to exalt the 'Ulemās and the chief Shaikhs, and made current the tenets of Islām, yet as a result of his broad-mindedness and toleration

It has not been possible to identify the work <u>Thamarat-ul-Qudus</u> by La'l Beg. A La'l Beg is mentioned in <u>Akbarnāma</u>, Text, III. p. 363, but no indication is given that he was the author of such a biographical work.

he sat with the Brahmans and Yogīs, and adopted their invocations and practices. Later, when he was charged with impiety and infidelity, he, in order to blind the common people, deemed it right to do something in accordance with the tenets of the Faith. Accordingly, he announced his intention of going on a pilgrimage, appointed a Mīr Ḥāj every year, and also celebrated the birthday of the Prophet—May the peace of God be on him and his family! And in the 23rd year in imitation of the Prophet, and of the Caliphs and the Princes of Islām he himself took up the post of the preacher, and ascended the pulpit in the Jāma' Mosque of Fathpūr. As he was not acquainted with Arabic, or for some other reason, he recited these lines composed by Shaikh Faidī by way of a sermon:—

#### Verses

The Lord has bestowed on me the Sovereignty,
And has given me a wise heart and a strong arm,
He has guided me in equity and in justice;
And removed from my thoughts every thing but equity;
His description surpasses human understanding;
Great is His power, Allahu Akbar<sup>1</sup>.

Some historians have stated that when he entered the pulpit, he stammered and trembled, and that in great agitation he closed the Friday prayers by reciting the above verses. He wanted to introduce innovations in all affairs and also desired to make current novel practices in religious observances, but as he realised that the introduction of principles different from the Sharī'at laws might upset tranquillity and harmony in public affairs, at the suggestion of the learned 'Ulemās who knew his disposition, and whose head was <u>Ghāzī Khān</u> Badakhshī, they all agreed in the 24th year, 977 A.H. (1569 A.D.)

I For this account see Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 270, 271. See also Badāyūni's account in Muntakhab-ut-Tawārīkh, Lowe's translation, II, pp. 276, 277 on which apparently the next paragraph of the note is based.

to the decree that the rank of a just sovereign was higher than that of a Mujtahid (Spiritual Director), and that the reigning Caliph (i.e. Akbar) was just, pious and virtuous. A document was drawn up and attested by several learned men to the effect that whatever Emperor Akbar ruled in disputed points should be regarded as Divine, and that the submission thereto was incumbent on all men<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, this has been described in the notice<sup>2</sup> of the Ṣadr Shaikh 'Abdul Nabī.

As Emperor Akbar developed an earnest desire to investigate the various faiths and religions of mankind, it was not long before the roya! assembly had in it representatives of all faiths and religions. The learned of all religions gathered there, and toleration and forbearance were extended to all of them. Each one of them expounded the tenets of his faith without fear of persecution, and the good and bad points of each were freely discussed. Every one reviled and abused the religions of other people. The Jew, the Nazarene, the Sunni, the Shi'a, the Fire-worshippers, the Brahmans and the Muhammadans disputed with one another. And God forgive us-they even spoke disparagingly and disrespectfully of the great prophets and Imams. The altercations developed to such an extent that the 'Ulemas and theologians of Islam fell out among themselves and accused one another o) infidelity. Hakim Filsfi said that there were wise men in all religions, and why should one be preferred to another. One should obey the great Spirit of Reason—which is the ruler and arbiter between the good and the bad-and should not give heed to fantastic stories. The house of tradition had decayed. A Zoroastrian Ardsher was sent for from Iran, and he brought fire with him. Emperor Akbar regarded it as the Divine Fire, and entrusted its charge to Abul Fadl. He was to look after it according to the practice in

<sup>1</sup> For the text of this document see Badāyūnī, Lowe's translation, II, pp. 278-280. This happened in 987 A.H. and not 977 A.H. as is wrongly stated in the text.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 560-564; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 41-44.

the fire-temples of Iran. An order was also sent to Adar (Adhar) Kaivan, who was the head of the fire-worshippers of Persia. He excused himself, but sent a book composed by himself, which contained praises of angels and the constellations, and also comprised rules and observances. It was divided into fourteen chapters. Every line of it was pure Persian, but by changing the diacritical marks it became Arabic, and when these were inverted they became Turkish and when the vowels were altered, it became Hindi (Sanskrit). Shaikh Abūl Fadl used to say that this book was superior to Qur'an. No weight whatsoever was attached to the sciences of the Law and Men devoted themselves to philosophy, mathe the Traditions. matics, medicine, astronomy, poetry, and history. Orders were issued to the provinces to restrain the laity from (religious?) studies. They were to pay reverence to the Great Luminary, which is the benefactor of the Shamasiyan, who believe in the spiritual and physical benefits thereof (?) and regard the offering of thanks to it as a spiritual and material bliss. At the instigation of Raja Bīrbal Emperor Akbar regularly repeated invocations to and names of the Sun in Hindi and Persian, and he regarded the time of transit of the Sun from one sign to another, and especially its transit into Aries as auspicious. In the same manner regarding the combinations of other wandering stars—which receive their light from the Sun—as auspicious and harbingers of good fortune at specific times, he established fourteen festivals2 in the year. On the recommendation of Amīr Fath Ullah Shirazi,3 the most learned man of the age, he abandoned

I Dabistān, p. 410, on which this account of Kaivān's work is based. Apparently the meaning is that when the letters or vowel points were changed, the Turkish became Hindi.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed account see Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 10-13; Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 19-24. In this list only 13 festivals are given, but Badāyūni's account on which Maātbir's notice is based has fourteen, see Lowe's translation, op. cit., p. 316.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 100-105; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 543-546. The Ilahi Era was introduced in 992 A.H. (1584 A.D.) "its first

the Arabian calendar (Hijrī Era) and adopted the solar year and months after the Irānian fashion. He forbade the slaughter of cattle, and as there were Qādis for the disposal of cases among the Muhammadans, learned Brahmans were appointed to settle the cases of the Hindus. As every order issued by him was by way of distinction headed with the title of Ilābī (Divine), he gathered the cream of all religions and systems, and designated the result as Dīn-i-Ilābī (Divine Faith). A number of recluses and men of the world adopted this religion, and said strange things. They also stated that this collecting and selecting was a Divine work. This erring faction called Akbar "God's Vicar" and gave out that it had been ordained that they should say, "There is no God but Allāh, and Akbar is the Vicar of Allāh."

It is related that when on the eve of Sunday, 5th Rajab<sup>1</sup> 949 A.H. (15th October, 1542 A.D.), Akbar was born at Amarkot, one of the wise men saw in a vision that the Universal Reason ('Aqlkull') came down with Universal Sense (Nafas kull'), and after moulding a form, which was composed of the excellences of the four elements, made it over to Emperor Humāyūn. Thus it is written in the story of Alanqawā<sup>2</sup> 'that some were inspired in a dream, and that the Lord of Humanity—who is called in Turkish Kush Khān—came to her spiritually, and that without copulation she by the Holy spirit became

year being the year of Emperor's accession, viz., nine hundred and sixty three"—vide Badāyūnī Lowe's translation, op. cit., p. 316.

<sup>1</sup> This is the date according to Abūl Fadl, see Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 18; Beveridge's translation, I, p 54. In the regard to the controversy regarding the name of the place Amarkot and the date of Akbar's birth see Vincent Smith, Akbar, the Great Mogul, p. 14 (1919) and Indian Antiquary, XLIV, pp. 234-244 (1915), and B. De's translation of Tabaqāt-i-Akbari, II, p. 88, footnote 2 and pp. 89, 90, footnote 4. Also see-Hidayat Hosain's edition of Tadbkira-i-Humāyūn wā Akbar of Bāyazīd Biyāt, p. 46, note 2.

<sup>2</sup> For Alanqawa's story see Akbarnama, Text, I, p. 12; Beveridge's translation, I, p. 37, note 2,

pregnant. Accordingly, all the sons of Būzunjar Qāān¹ who are called Nairūn,² were procreated from angles.

The Ilāhī Sect have stated that Emperor Akbar had the power of quitting his body, and that on one occasion he in the night watches passed beyond the heavens in a spiritual body, and that his spirit became commingled with the Wāhid Akbar—The Great absolute one a phrase which in their language means the Divine Person. God said: "Between Me and others Gabriel is the intermediary, between Me and thee there is no one," and He bade him put an end to the disputes of the world. Akbar said that he could not accomplish this without inflicting punishment, and that this he could not inflict, but that he would be a guide as far as he could be means of gentleness and tenderness. Then God said, "Thou art the exponent of my love, others are the exponents of my wrath." And numerous examples of such nonsense and absurdities have been made current. Most of them were Yogis and Sanyasis, and some Muhammadans, who affected a change in their ways. They adopted him as their leader and called him the Jagat Guru, and the miracles stated to have been performed by the Emperor Akbar were considered by them as the demonstrations (Burhan) of his power.

Shaikh 'Allāmī has related in his history that in the 8th month after Akbar's birth Jījī Anaga was suckling him. She appeared sad and depressed owing to the opposition of Māham Anaga and several others. At this time when no one was present, Akbar spoke soothingly to her, and gave her joyful news; he, however, charged her not to tell the secret to any one. Jījī Anaga remained in state of great exultation, but told no one. At last, one day when Emperor Akbar was hunting at Delhī, and was in the neighbourhood of Pālam, a huge snake appeared in his path. Without hesitation, Akbar seized it by the tail and overpowered it. Yūsuf Muhammad Khān Kōka came and told the marvel to his mother Jījī Anaga. She revealed what she had

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 67; translation, pp. 183, 184. On p. 37, in note 2 his name is given as Budantsar Mong Khan.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 72, translation, p. 192.

kept secret, and said that it was no wonder if one who had performed a Messiah-like miracle in his infancy should perform a Moses-like marvel in his full age. The Shaikh adds that while he heard these stories from other people, these were also confirmed by me from that chaste lady (Jījī Anaga)<sup>1</sup> herself.

It is also related in the Dabistan2 that the author had been told by Mīrzā Shāh Muḥammad Khān known as Ghaznīn Khān son of Shāh Bēg Khān Khān Daurān that he had asked Mīrzā 'Azīz Koka about what had been said regarding Akbar having spoken (in his infancy). The Mīrzā replied that his mother used to say that the story was true. And Shaikh 'Allami has stated: "Why shall radiance of the light of grandeur and magnificence be not patent in the illustrious forehead of Emperor Akbar which is the repository of the light of sovereignty and the storehouse of the treasure of Divine Power. This very Light was reflected in the victories of Babur, and became resplendent in the remarkable conquests of Sahib Qiran (Timur). It was the same light which sparkled in the princely pearls developed in the Oysters in Alanqawa's Ocean of chastity. Aghur Khan flourished in the resplendence of the same light. The same Light has shed its lustre in varying degrees from Adam to Nüh. It is not possible for any one to detail the miraculous properties and influences of this wonderful light. All cannot distinguish it, nor are they able to probe into its mysteries". It should, however, be evident that if an attribute were universally present, all descendants would inherit it from their ancestors. But the unique faculty and attribute recorded by the Shaikh is another matter. May God protect us!

It is stated in the Dabistan that in the year 1000 A.H. (1591-92 A.D.) it was brought to Emperor Akbar's notice by Alhian that one

This account of miraculous manifestations by Akbar during his infancy and in later year is taken almost verbatim from Akbarnama, Text, I. pp. 186-188; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 384-386.

<sup>2</sup> Dabistān, p. 390. The author states that he heard the story at Lāhōre in 1053 A.H. (1643 A.D.) from Chaznīn Khān. For Chaznīn Khān see in the account of his father Shāh Bēg Khān Aghūn Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, p. 645.

thousand years of the Hijrī Era had expired, and that like Shāh Isma'īl Ṣafavī he should now extirpate his opponents by strong measures. He replied that he was working for tranquillity, and hoped that his principles would be generally accepted by men's goodwill, and that they would not by force and fear of sword be coerced into accepting Dīn i-llābī. Mīr Sharīf Āmulī¹ brought forward proofs from the writings of Maḥmud Khān showing that in the year 990 A.H. (1582 A.D.) a person (Shakhs) would arise who would introduce the true religion. He interpreted this to mean Akbar, for Shakhs² is equal to 990. Ḥakīm Fīrūz-ud-Dīn recited this quotation of Nāṣir Khusrau³.

### Quatrain

In 999 according to the decree of Fate
The Stars from all directions shall meet together
In the year of Leo, the month of Leo, and the day of Leo,
The Lion of God will stand forth from behind the curtain.

He also said that when he saw Nāṣir Khusrau in a vision, he asked him who the Lion of God was? He replied: Jalāl-ud-Dīn Muḥammad Akbar. Khwāja Maulānā of Shīrāz, the Divine (Iafardān) brought a pamphlet by some Sharīfs from Mecca to the effect that according to true traditions seven thousand years of the world's existence had passed, and now was the time for the appearance of the promised Mahdī<sup>4</sup>. He also said that he saw in a vision the Prophet of God standing in the Ka'ba while Jalāl-ud-Dīn was sitting there. He asked the reason and was told that it was now his (Akbar's) turn, and that the Lord of the Age and Master of Laws was Jalāl-ul-Akbar. The author of the Dabistān Mūbadī also says<sup>5</sup> that he heard from Aḥmad

- 1 See Maatbir-ul-Umara, Text, III, pp. 285-290, translation antea, pp. 811-816.

  2 According to Abjad.
- 3 A Persian poet of the fifth century of Hijra. See Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.) p. 199, note 2; a translation of the quatrain referred to is also given on the same page. Perhaps Hakim Firūz is the Firūzā Kābulī of Badāyūnī, op. cit., p. 186.
- 4 Based on Badāyūnī Muntakhab-ut-Tawārikh, II, Lowe's translation,
   p. 295.
   I have not found this passage in Dabistān.

Toqbai-who was one of the Chief servants of Khan A'zam-that when novelties (in religious practices) were promulgated and vain foundations made current, the Mīrzā out of religious bigotry departed from Gujarāt for Ka'ba in 100. A.H. (1593 A.D.). In 1002 A.H. (1594 A.D.) he offered his homage at Lahore and embraced the Divine Faith. The reason for this was that one night in the Kasba he saw in a vision that the Apostle said, "The Kaba is the husk, and Akbar the kernel. This is a house and he is the householder". did not propose to return (to India). It happened that one night he beheld in a vision that He (?the Apostle) said to him, "You will not depart with honour." The Sharifs started behaving badly to him, and so he was obliged to return and to adopt what he had fled from. Hence it is that Badāyūnī has said, "The going of Mīrzā was good, but his coming back was not so." An amusing story is told of him to the effect that after Emperor Akbar's death he spoke lightly of When they questioned him about it he said, "There is no doubt about Akbar's greatness, but I am Akbar's Abū Jahl1 (Advocatus diaboli)."

Finally when the Albīs became too obstreperous, Emperor Akbar confined himself to instructing some special persons. The confusion of faith consisted in acknowledging one God and in honouring those near him, such as the angels and the planets, abstaining from injuring living things of all types, and from evil, and the behaving without bigotry to all sects. The highest point was to be loyal to their benefactor to the extent of sacrificing four things, Property, Life, Honour and Religion. Dhūlfiqār Ardistānī whose nom-de-plume is Mūbad has mentioned in his Dabistān several of the tenets of this religion. His book is a collection of the doctrines of the Hindus, the Magis and of the sects of Islām. Though at the present day no one avowedly belongs to this religion, and also in Akbar's time no one except certain privileged persons were instructed in it, Khān Khānān Mīrzā 'Abdur

I See Hughes Dictionary of Islam, p. 8 where he is described as "An implacable adversary of Muhammad".

Rahīm sought an interview and vehemently urging said, "I too am an Ilāhī slave." The Emperor assented and on the eve of the 'Ashūrā1 (10th Muharram) gave him the loving Cup. He also one day said to Mīr Sadr Jahān Mufti<sup>2</sup>, "In your heart is the thought 'There is Muhammadanism in the religion which the Sovereign is introducing? why don't you therefore adopt the llahi religion"? Sadr Jahan fell at his feet, and said, "For three days I had this thought, but I mentioned it to no one. For if he is the true exponent of the Sun, he will speak of his own accord. God be praised that this has happened." With his two sons he embraced the Divine Religion. Now-a-days the religion has been forgotten in this part of the world, for which God be praised! Shaikh 'Allami has written at length on the subject in the Akbarnāma3; a summary of it is given here. One group of people charged that Unique of God's servants, who is the glory of this race, with claiming the Godhead. Apparently they were led into the error by the circumstances that some of the leaders of the concordwho were of the school of Nasīr, and had the enthusiasm of Husain son of Mansūr—recognized and spoke of the Khediv of spirituality as the "witness of God" (Mazhar-i-Haqq). The occupant of the throne of Fortune in view of the principle of "Peace with all" (Sulub kull) did not in any way rebuke the idle talkers and the distracted individuals. Some of them conjectured that the Prince of the age had the desire of claiming to be the prophet of the incomparable Deity. The proof of this imagination was that the Shāhinshāh was always introducing noble laws, and pointing out the discrepancies in the doubtful statements of the ancients. When the fact of the foolish talk of these two factions came to the Emperor's hearing, he said repeatedly, 'How could it enter the narrow thoughts of the ignorant

r See Hughes Dictionary of Islam, p. 25 for Āshūrā. It is the 10th day of Muharram, and is observed as a voluntary day of fasting.

<sup>2</sup> For Sadr Jahan see Badāyūni, Text, III, pp. 141,142; Haig's translation, III, pp. 198-200, and note 3 on p. 198.

<sup>3</sup> The following account is extracted almost verbatim from Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 271-273; Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 397-400.

that recent creatures belonging to a dependent existence and of feeble intellect should ascribe to themselves a share in Divinity? And members of the leaders of humanity—who by thousands of miracles have expounded the prophetic office-have come into the world. Have times changed and cycles elapsed that an opinion like this should be cherished and generally accepted, and the dust of unbelief be not yet laid. How could such a notion find a place in my mind." Another set of them imagined that the Prince of Horizons regarded with disfavour the Muhammadan religion. The sole evidence for this was that the wise sovereign out of tolerant disposition, general benevolence and all-embracing majesty received all classes of mankind with affec-In regard to religious matters and spiritual doctrines he searched for evidence from the sages of all religions and the ascetics of all faiths. Above all, at the time when the Christian philosophers assailed the orthodox (Muttafiqqban) of the day in the sublime assemblies, people became very suspicious (regarding Akbar's religious This was in spite of the fact that the honour and respect beliefs). which this appreciative personality always extended to the family of the Prophet had rarely been found in the case of other monarchs. Many of the Saiyids had been raised to high offices. Nor did he permit that any member of this family should lay his head on the holy feet, or rub his forehead on the threshold of fortune. Another set accused that candid beltever of Shi'aism-The cause of stumbling of this set was that in the sublime assemblies the arguments of two sects, like those of other sects, were discussed; and the wise Emperor from equity and truth selected without any bias what was preferable.

#### Verse

When a statement is well supported by argument, It is unfortunate, if you do not listen to it.

The favour shown to the Iranians, most of whom belonged to that sect (Shia'), increased the suspicion, and the favour extended to the Tūrāniāns as a matter of routine remained hidden to the bigoted eyes

of that set. Another faction reproached the Caravan-leader of the God-knowing with being of the Brahman (Hindu) religion. The ground for this improper notion was that this experienced monarch as a result of his very tolerant and catholic nature had received Hindu sages into his intimacy, and for political and administrative reasons increased the ranks of Hindus and for the good of the country had shown them kindness. Three things supported the gossips of the evil minded: (i) For the increase of knowledge sages of all religions were allowed in the royal assemblies, and as each religion has some good in it, each received some praise. Out of a spirit of justice the bad practices of any sect could not weave a veil over its merits. (ii) The dictum of "Peace with All" was honoured at the court of the Caliphate, and different tribes of mankind of various natures gained spiritual and material success. (iii) The evil nature and crooked ways of the base ones of the Age. So ends the narrative.

It will be clear to the judicious that whatever is written above is taken from the writings of the Shaikh. He lays great stres on the fact that the root cause of that breadth of religious opinions and of the maxim of "Peace with All" was that all classes of mankind (lit. the humid and the dry) might be treated with forbearance. Good God! The management of worldly affairs—which are not eternal—is regarded of such importance that no individual can venture to have an independent opinion (i.e. different from that of the Emperor). In the affairs of Faith, which are of greater consequence, dissembling and connivance have no other foundation than levity and indifference.

<sup>1</sup> Apparently the author as a strict Muhammadan could not look with favour on toleration in religious observances, and regarded it as the result of laxity and indifference.

# (MIRZĀ SULŢĀN SAFAVĪ

(Vol. III, pp. 581-583).

He was the younger brother of Mīrzā Naudhar' of Qandahār and the son-in-law of Islam Khan Mashhadi<sup>2</sup>. When during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan, the latter was appointed Governor of the provinces in the Deccan, Mīrzā Sultān was promoted to the rank of 1,000 foot with 400 horse, and sent with the said Khan. After the death of Islam Khan he returned to the Court, and was gratified by an increase in his rank. In the 24th year, he, in succession to Mīrzā Murād Kām his cousin, was appointed Qūrbēgī (Keeper of the Arsenal), and served in this post for a long time. When in the 30th year Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur was deputed to chastise 'Adil Shāh and to devastate his country, and an auxiliary army was sent under the command of Mu'azzam Khān Mīr Jumla, Mīrzā Sultān was also promoted to the rank3 of 3,000 foot with 1,500 horse, and deputed with the forces. When, at the instance of Dārā Shikōh, the auxiliary army returned, the Mīrzā—who through the favours of the Prince (Aurangzib) had developed sincere bonds of service for him—did not leave him but stayed back in Aurangābād. When about the same time the march to Upper India was arranged as a matter of urgent necessity, Prince Muhammad Mu'azzam was appointed Governor of the Deccan, and Aurangzīb raising the rank of the Mīrzā to 4,000 foot with 2,000 horse by an increase of 1,000 foot with 500 horse, sent him back from Phulheri to Aurangabad to serve loyally with the prince. Afterwards when the flag of 'Alamgir's fortune rose from the sky of the Khilafat, and the thorn of the enemies was uprooted, so that the small and great flourished under its shelter, Mīrzā Sultān

I See Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, III, pp. 555-557; translation antea, pp. 388, 389.

cit., pp. 162-167, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, 2 Op. рр. 694-696.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Amal Salih, III, p. 236.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāmā, p 46.

hastened to the Court form the Deccan, and did homage. In the 9th year, he was granted an increase of 1,000 horse in his rank, and was appointed2 to accompany Prince Muhammad Mu'azzam, who, on receipt of the news that Shah 'Abbas, II was coming to invade India, was hurriedly sent to Kābul. The prince had not yet left Lāhore when news was received that the Shāh of Irān had died of quinsy (Kbunāq). In the beginning of the 10th year the Khān returned in attendance on the prince and did homage3. At this time the prince was appointed to the government of the Deccan-which indeed was his appanage, and from where he had come to the Court in the end of the 8th year in obedience to summons. At the time the Deccan had been given to the charge of Raja Jai Singh, who was engaged in chastising 'Adil Shah, and who was asked as hitherto to carry on the government. Mīrzā Sultān was granted a robe of honour, and permitted to go to his assignment in order that after settling the affairs there he might proceed to the Deccan to serve4 with the prince. He spent a long time there. The year of his death is not recorded, but he probably died in the Deccan, for his tomb is situated outside Aurangābād near Jaisinghpūra on the road to the fort of Daulatābād. His son was Mīrzā Sadr-ud-Dīn Muhammads Khān Bakhshī whose account has been written separately.

### RÃO SÚR BHURTIYA

(Vol. II, pp. 211-212).

He was the son of Rāī Rāī Singh/Rāthōr, the Zamīndār of Bikānīr. By the end of the reign of Emperor Jahāngīr he had been promoted to the rank of 3,000 with 2,000 horse. In the 1st year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign when he came to do homage, his rank was advanced

- 1 This was in the 5th year of the reign, see 'Alamgirnama, p. 873.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 976. 3 Op. cit., p. 1031. 4 Op. cit., p. 1038.
- 5 His name in the account is Mirzā Shāh Nawāz Khān Safavī, see Maātbirul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 692-694; translation antea, pp. 772, 773.
  - 6 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text. II, pp. 148-154; translation antea, pp. 566-571.

to 4,000 with 2,500 horse, and he was honoured with the gift of a flag and a drum1. He was deputed2 against Nadhr Muhammad Khān-who had advanced with an army on Kābul-with Mahābat Khān Khān Khānān. As Nadhr Muhammad Khān had retreated from that territory before their arrival, they also, in accordance with orders, returned. Later he proceeded3 with Abdullah Khan Bahadur to punish Jujhar Singh, who because of some groundless suspicion had fled from the Court. In the 2nd year he was deputed against Khān Jahān Lodī who had left Akbarābād (Agra) through the currency of some baseless whispers. In the 3rd year he was granted an increase of 500 horse, and sent4 with Shayista Khan in one of the three armies which were appointed to devastate the territory of the Nizām-ul-Mulk. In the battle near Bir, when A'zam Khan attacked Khan Jahan Lodi, he rendered good service. In the 4th year of the reign, correspond ing to 1040 A.H., 1630-31 A.D., he died. The Emperor promoted his son Karan to the rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse, and granted him the Jagir of his homeland Bikanir with the title of Rao. Satt Sal another son had the rank of 500 with 200 horse5. A separate biography6 of Rão Karan has been given.

### (RĀJA) SŪRAJ MAL (Vol. II, pp. 176-179).

He was the eldest son of Rāja, Bāsū. As his unseemly behaviour and turbulent nature brought about a rupture between the son and the father, the Rāja, owing to a suspicion which was strengthened by

- 1 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 120.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 212.

3 Op. cit., p. 242.

- 4 Op. cit., pp. 295,296.
- 5 His death, and the ranks and jagirs granted to his sons are recorded in the same work. op. cit., p. 398.
- 6 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 287-291; Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 764-766.
- 7 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 157-160; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 392-394.

his improper actions, at last put him in prison. On his father's death—as there was no other worthy son among the progeny— Emperor Jahangir for the sake of the management of the Zamindari and the guarding of that territory, granted him the title of Raja and the rank of 2,000, and bestowed on him-without his having to share these with any other relations—the estates of the entire Zamindari and the treasures and goods which his father had accumulated over a period of many<sup>1</sup> years. He was deputed<sup>2</sup> with Murtadā <u>Kh</u>ān Shaikh Farid who was appointed to capture the Kangra fort. When through the Shaikh's exertions the garrison were hard pressed, and Sūraj Mal saw that victory was at hand, he adopted a non-cooperative and obstructive attitude and started intrigues and strifes with the men of the said Khan. Murtada Khan reported to the Court that signs of rebelliousness and bad will were apparent from the behaviour of Sūraj Mal. As the presence of a capable leader such as Murtadā Khan with a large force in that hilly area would not permit of the success of Sūraj Mal's plans of disorder and sedition, he wrote to Prince Shah Jahan to the effect that Murtada Khan at the instigations of selfish persons was not on good terms with him, and was seeking to discredit him by accusing him of various offences including sedition. He, therefore, prayed that in order to save the unfortunate servant from destruction and to preserve him, he might be recalled to the Court. About the same time, in the beginning of the 11th year, Murtada Khan died, and the conquest of the fort was delayed. Sūraj Mal was summoned<sup>3</sup> in accordance with the recommendation of the prince, and was received with favour. About the same time he was deputed4 under the said prince to the Deccan expedition, and on his return from there he as a result of various influences was appointed<sup>5</sup> Caretaker for the conquest of Kangra. Though his re-appointment

<sup>1</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), II, pp. 54, 55.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., I, p. 283.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 311, but his name is misprinted as Suraj Singh.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 337.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., pp. 388,389.

to that hill country was an injudicious and careless decision, yet as that affair had been assigned to the prince, the latter sent him there under the command of his own Bakhshī Shāh Qulī Khān Muḥammad Taqī. As soon as his desire was achieved, he started to give trouble to Shāh Qulī Khān, and sent a representation to the prince stating that he found it impossible to get on with the commander, and that the latter would not be able to achieve success. If another commander was nominated in his place, the fort would be easily conquered. Consequently Shāh Qulī Khān was recalled to the Court, and Rāja Bikramājīt¹—who was a leading officer of the realm—was sent there with a fresh force.

Sūraj Mal taking advantage of the interval upto the time of arrival of the Rāja, at first gave leave to large numbers of imperial servants on the ground that their equipment as a result of long service had become useless, and that they should therefore hurry back to their assignment, and till the arrival of the Rāja re-equip themselves. Then he showed open signs of rebellion and extended the hand of oppression. He attacked many of the Parganas of the Dāman-i-Kōh (valley)—which were in the assignment of I timād-ud-Daulāh, and took possession of whatever cash and goods he could find there. Saiyid Ṣafī Bārah and other auxiliaries—who in spite of having been granted leave had not yet left for their Jāgīrs—stood firm together with their relations, and were martyred. Some were wounded and others found safety in flight².

When in the end of the 13th year Rāja Bikramājīt arrived in that territory, that unscrupulous diplomat (Sūraj Mal) sought to spin out the time by flattery and vulpine tricks. The Rāja, who was fully cognisant of the true position, paid no heed to his talks and bravely went forward. Sūraj Mal because of ill luck and not being able to solve the weighty problem, very courageously and bravely started to

<sup>1</sup> Tüzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), II, pp. 25,26, and 55,56.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 56,57.

fight. In a short struggle large numbers of his men were killed and he took to flight. The forts of Mau' and Mahrī on whose impregnability he had relied were reduced without much trouble, and the territory which he had inherited from his ancestors was taken possession of by the imperial forces. In his wretched flight he sought shelter in ravines which were difficult of access, and lived dishonoured and discredited. In this state of vagrancy he died and went to hell.

### (RĀJA) SŪRAJ SINGH RĀTHŌR (Vol. II, pp. 179-183).

He was a son of Udai Singh<sup>2</sup> alias the Mota (fat) Raja, son of Māldēō Zamīndār of Mārwār. Mārwār is a district of the province of Ajmēr; it is 100 kes long and 60 broad, and the Sarkars Ajmīr, Jödhpür, Siröhī, Nāgör, and Bīkānīr are included in it. The Rāī was one of the influential Rajas of India, and was famed for the number of his troops and their equipment. It is stated that when Mu'izz-ud-Din Sam after disposing of Pithora went to fight with Jai Chand, the Raja of Qannauj, the latter took to flight, but was drowned in the Ganges which was in flood. His descendants fell on evil times Sahiyā, his brother's son was in Shamsābād, and he too with many others went to annihilation. Three sons of his Sūtīk, Asothāmā and Uchcha went off to Gujarāt, and rested for a while in Pālī near Sojat. At the time people of the Mina tribe came to plunder the inhabitants who were Brahmans, the sons came forward, fought bravely and defeated the Minas. The Brahmans converted them, and washed off the dust of distress. When they had collected materials, they took possession, by their expeditious movement, of the country of Kher from the Göhal tribe. Sūtīk separated and captured Idar from the Mīnas, while Uchcha went to Baglāna and took that territory from the Kölīs; their progeny settled down in these areas. Asothāmā remained in Mārwār, and his descendants gradually rose to importance. Rāī

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 74,75.

<sup>2</sup> See Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (and edn.), pp. 474, 475.

Maldeo was the 16th descendant. After his death Chandar Sen his younger son became his successor. In the 15th year of Emperor Akbar's reign, the Emperor came to Ajmīr, and after performing a pilgrimage to the shrine (of Mu'in-ud-Din Chishti), he went off to Nagor, and concentrated his attention on the settlement of that territory. Chandar Sen waited upon him1 there. In the 19th year when his rebellious intentions were reported, a number of officers were sent against him. Kalā, his brother's son, who was in the city of Sojat, being harassed by the pursuing force submitted, and joined the imperial forces. When the royal army after the conquest of Maheswara engaged in the siege of Sīwana2, another army was detailed to chastise Chandar Sen; he, however, retreated into the hilly country. In the 21st year, Kala, his brother's son, collected a force, and strengthened the fort of Wankur. Shahbaz Khan Kambu attacked and captured the fort3. In the 25th year, when Chandar Sen stirred up strife, he was defeated by Payanda Khan Mughal, who with other fief-holders had been appointed to chastise4 him. But Udai Singh alias the Mota Raja put the ring of servitude in his ear, and gave his daughter Manmati in marriage to Sultan Salim; Sultan Khurram (Shāh Jahān) was her child. After that Udai Singh was greatly in royal favour, and was exalted by the grant as Jagir of his homeland, the territory of Jodhpur. In the 23rd year, he went with Sadiq Khan to chastise Rāja Madhukar Bundēla. In the 28th year he was deputed with Bairam Khan's son Mîrza Khan to settle Gujarat and put down Muzaffar Khān Gujarātī. In the 38th year he was appointed6 to chastise the Zamindar of Sirohi. In the 40th year he died. He had

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, II, Beveridge's translation, p. 518.

<sup>2</sup> See Akbarnāma, III, pp. 113,114 for a more detailed account, see also p. 155.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 224,225 and 237,238.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 466.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 921, note 2 where the date of his birth is given as 5th January, 1592, and it is stated that he was born at Lāhōre.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p, 985.

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attained the rank of 1,000. Four of his wives burnt themselves with his corpse1. After his death his son Sūraj Singh was appointed to a suitable rank.

When Prince Murad was appointed Governor of Gujarat, Sūraj Singh also was detailed2 there. In the 42nd year, when most of the Gujarat fief-holders, accompanied Prince Murad to the Deccan, and Bahadur, the eldest son of Muzaffar Gujarati, collecting a number of vagabonds, attacked a number of towns and villages, Sūraj Singh started from Ahmadābād to fight. Both drew up their forces, but Bahādur lost courage, and fled without fighting. When on Prince Murad's death, Prince Dāniyāl was appointed to the Deccan, Sūraj Singh was nominated to accompany him. In the 45th year he was sent4 by the prince with Daulat Khan Lodi to punish Rajū Deccani. In the 47th year he accompanied Khān Khānān 'Abdur Raḥīm to chastise Khudāwand Khan the Abyssinian, who was creating a disturbance in Pathri and Palam5. As he rendered good service there, in the 48th year he, on the recommendations of Prince Daniyal and Khan Khanan was granted a drum. In the 3rd year of Emperor Jahangir's reign he did homage6, and in the 4th year his rank was advanced to 4,000 foot with 2,000 horse, and was deputed with other Mansabdars to help Khān Khānān the Governor of the Deccan. In the 8th year he accompanied Prince Khurram on the expedition against the Rana, and later was sent with the said prince on the Deccan Campaign. In the 10th year, he returned to the Court, and was promoted to the rank of 5,0007. After the affair of Kishan Singh his brother-which has been described in detail in the biography8 of Kishan Singh—he was grant-

<sup>1.</sup> Op. cit., pp. 1027,1028.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 1043.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 1083, where it is stated that there "was some fighting among the skirmishers".

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 1154. 5 Op. cit., p. 1199.

<sup>6</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jahāngīrī (Rogers & Beveridge's translation), I, pp. 140,141.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 288.

<sup>8</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 150-152, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 829, 830.

ed leave of two months for going to his homeland. After that he with his son Gaj Singh did homage, and was detailed to the Deccan command. In the 14th year, corresponding to 1028 A.H., 1619 A.D., he died there. A separate account of his son, Gaj Singh, has been included in this work.

## (RĀĪ) SURJAN HĀRĀ (Vol. II, pp. 113-116).

The Hārās are a branch of the Chauhān tribe, and Hāravatī<sup>4</sup>— which is another name for the Sarkār of Ranthambhōr in the province of Ajmīr—includes the estates of their Zamīndārī. Originally he was a servant of the Rāna. During Emperor Akbar's reign he lived proudly in the Ranthambhōr fort, and was sure of his position<sup>5</sup>. When the Emperor after taking Chittōr proceeded in the end of the 13th year for the conquest of Ranthambhōr, he himself went and inspected the surroundings of the fort from the hillock, and ordered the erection of batteries round it. In the course of a month after the completion of sābāts the fort was captured.

It is stated that in the end of the month of Ramadān Emperor said that if the garrison did not surrender that day, the fort on the morrow—which was the 'Id day—would be the qabaq-bāzī (archery or gunnery) target. Surjan became frightened and losing heart sent as emissaries to the Presence his sons Dūdā and Bhōj together with a number of his officers. After the interview orders were passed for

<sup>1</sup> Tuzuk-i-Jahāngīrī, translation, I, p. 293.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, II, pp. 99, 100.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 223-226; Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 570-572.

<sup>4</sup> For Haravati see Tod—Annals and Antiquities of Rajast'ban (London, 1914 edn), II, p. 355 where he states that it consists of two principalities, Kotah and Bundi.

<sup>5</sup> Taken from Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 87,88; Beveridge's translation, II, p. 133.

presenting both of them with robes of honour. When they were taken out of the royal enclosure for putting on the Khil'ats, one of the companions, whose brain was deranged, thought that an order had been issued for the arrest of Surjan's sons. Consequently out of loyalty he lost control and drew his sword. One of the servants of Rāja Bhagwān Dās tried to restrain him, but that mad man used his sword on him. He ran to the royal enclosure, and wounded Pūran Mal son of Kān Shaikhāwat and two others, and with his sword cut into two Shaikh Bahā'-ud-Dīn Majdhūb Badāyūnī. Thereupon a servant of Muzaffar Khān killed him.

The sons of Surjan were stricken with remorse at this occurrence, but as they were innocent, the Emperor excused them, and after granting them robes of honour allowed them to return to their father. Rāī Surjan after the return of his sons begged that one of the nobles might be sent to lead him to the Presence. Thereupon the Emperor appointed Husain Qulī Khān to this duty. Rāī Surjan received the Khān with due ceremony and respect and came with him to the Presence; after making obeisance, he received innumerable favours. After that he returned to the fort for three days to bring out the necessary goods; and surrendered the fort to royal servants. He was granted the fief of Garha, and in the 20th year Chunār in place of Garha was assigned to him² as his Jāgīr.

When Dūdā, his elder son, went without permission to his homeland Būndī, and began to oppress the people, and although a force had earlier been sent for his chastisement³, yet in the 22nd year the Emperor decided on the conquest of Būndī, and appointed Zain Khān Kōkaltāsh with Rāī Surjan to this expedition. After the conquest of Būndī Rāī Surjan returned to the Court⁴, and was promoted to the

The account of the conquest of the Ranthambhor fort is based on Akbarnāma, Text, II. pp. 335-338; Beveridge's translation, II. pp. 490-495.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 158; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 223.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, 184; translation, pp. 258.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 201.202; translation, pp. 284,285.

rank of 2,000. Dūdā after this failure always followed the wrong road, and the dust of dissension was stirred up by him. At last in the 23rd year, at the request of Shahbāz Khān Kambū he was pardoned, and he waited on the Emperor. The Emperor left him in the Panjāb, and returned to the Capital. At that time Dūdā becoming suspicious absconded. He died in the 30th year of the reign<sup>2</sup>.

### TAHAWWUR <u>KH</u>AN MIRZA MAḤMŪD (Vol. I, pp. 484-486).

He was one of the noble Saiyids of holy Mashhad. He arrived in India during the reign of Emperor Akbar, and through his good fortune being introduced to that noble ruler was appointed to the rank of 500. Afterwards when Jahangir became the emperor, it so happened that a tiger, which had been shot, was brought into the august assembly. A discussion was started about the hair at the back of the tiger's head, and it was remarked that it was so thick that it could not be cut through at one blow. Strong-limbed young men on a signal from the Emperor wielded their swords with all their might, but only produced a gash. The Mīrzā was standing there, and he said to those who had the right of audience that if he were permitted, he also would try with his sword. As he had an insignificant-looking body, the Emperor said, "In the name of God! (Bisam Allab) let us see (what you can do?)". The Mīrzā severed the head of the tiger so dextrously, that there were cheers and acclamations from every side. Mīrzā Mahmūd thereafter was known as Shēr badūnīm (the tiger

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 246; translation, pp. 356,357.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 468; translation, p. 706. Beveridge has throughout transcribed his name incorrectly as Dandā.

<sup>3</sup> There is no mention of Tahawwur Khān Mīrzā Maḥmūd or of the incidents mentioned in the above account in the Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī translated by Rogers & Beveridge.

In David Price's translation of the spurious Memoirs of labangir, p. 92, it is mentioned that the animal must have been a lion.

bisecter) amongst all and sundry. He was unique for his strength as an archer, and famous all over for his prowess. No one could compete with him. The athletes of the age yielded under his compression, and the mighty fell before his onset.

It is stated that Mīrzā Shamsī Jahāngīr Qulī Khān¹ son of Mīrzā 'Azīz Kōka had brought a bow from Gujarāt, and strong men, however much they tried, were unable to draw its bow-string. As soon as the Mīrzā put his hand on the string he drew it up to his ear, and the back of the bow was nearly broken. From that day the Emperor called him Shaikh Kamān (The Shaikh of the Bow). Wonderful stories are told about his archery. Emperor Jahangir in the Jahangirnāma, which he himself composed, has mentioned his feats, but the author is unable to remember the details at the time of writing. When he had risen high in the Emperor's estimation, he was appointed to one of the faujdārīs on the borders of Panjāb, he fought there bravely, and was victorious. As a reward he was granted the title of Tahawwur Khān. During the time of Emperor Shāh Jahān his brain went wrong, and he became mad. His sons kept him in confinement and he died at Lahore. He wrote clear Nasta'liq2 very beautifully, and was also good at writing verses. Pleasant jests and several stories are current about him. It is said that he one day arranged a feast, and invited people for a feed. Aqa Rashida3, who was the sister's son of the famous Mir 'Imad, and was a master of Nasta'liq writing, was also present. A discussion arose between the two. The Khan all at once went into his chamber, and shortly afterwards returning

t For an account of Jahängir Quli Khān see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 524,525, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 729-730. The bow is mentioned in Price, op. cit., p. 93, but the anecdote about archery is not recorded there.

<sup>2</sup> The word *lali* as explained by Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 106, note 4, "is a term used by copyists to express that letters are thick, and written with a full pen of ink."

<sup>3</sup> See Rieu, Cat. Manuscripts Brit. Museum, II, 786c, 787 and 519b where there is a note about 'Imad.

with a drawn sword stood at the Āqā's head. He said, "I have heard that you deny having been my pupil." The Āqā was greatly frightened, and at once replied, "My Khān, what do you order?" He replied, "In the presence of the distinguished men, and with them as witnesses write a confession to the effect that you are my pupil." The Āqā willy-nilly wrote out a confession, and so escaped from his tyranny.

# TAKHTA BEG SARDAR KHĀN (Vol. I, pp. 481, 482).

He was one of the single-fighters (yakhā) of Mīrzā Hakīm¹. In the battle which the Mīrzā fought against the armies of Emperor Akbar, he did great deeds, and became well known for his bravery. After the Mīrzā's death Takhta Bēg, in the 30th year of the reign of that Emperor, came to the Court with the Mīrzā's sons, and received all kinds of favours. Afterwards he was deputed to the Kābul Sāba, and with Kanwar Mān Singh and Zain Khān Kōka did great service in chastising the Yūsufzaīs3 and the Tarīkīs (Raushānīs). As he had rendered outstanding service, he in the 39th year was attached to Prince Sultan Salim, and was given a Jagir in the province4 of Lähore. Later, on being appointed Thanadar of Peshawar he punished the Tarikis on several occasions. As he had given a good account of himself, he was granted the title of Khan in the 49th year. After the accession of Emperor Jahangir, and when the news of the coming of Husain Shāmlū, ruler of Herāt, with a large army and besieging the Qandahar fort was received at the Court, he was promoted to the rank of 2,000, granted the title of Sardar Khan, and

- 1 Half-brother of Emperor Akbar.
- 2 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 473, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 713.
- 3 Op. cit., Text, pp. 513, 521, 526, 565, translation, pp. 781, 794, 853.
- 4 Op. cit., Text, p. 649, translation, p. 998.
- 5 This is incorrect; he was promoted to the rank of 3,000 from that of 2,500 in the first year, vide Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-

deputed with Mīrzā Ghāzī Bēg to help Shāh Bēg Khān Governor of Qandahār. As by the time of their arrival, the Irānian army had left the fort, and retired to its own territory, he was appointed Governor of Qandahār¹ in place of Shāh Bēg Khān. After a short time in the 3rd year corresponding to 1016 A.H. (1607 A.D.) he died² there. His sons Ḥayāt Khān, and Hidāyat Khān received minor appointments.

# TAQARRUB <u>KH</u>ĀN (Vol. I, pp. 490-493).

His name was Ḥakīm Dāūd, and he was the son of Ḥakīm 'Ināyat Ullāh. He was the foremost pupil of Mīrzā Muḥammad the father of Ḥakīm Masīḥ-uz-Zamān. After his father's death he, on account of his great skill and experience as a physician, became an intimate companion of Shāh 'Abbās I, and was at the head of the Shāh's physicians. After the death of that great sovereign, he was through the machinations of his enemies ill treated by Shāh Ṣafī, and as he also did not receive proper consideration from Shāh 'Abbās II—who was still young—he became averse to staying on in Irān. Ostensibly he gave out his intention of going on pilgrimage, but in reality he proceeded to the Court of Emperor Shāh Jahān from 'Irāq via Baṣra, and disembarked at the port of Lāhērī (Lārī, in Sindh). In the 17th year 1053 A.H. (1643 A.D.) he presented himself at the Court, and was appointed to the rank of 1,000, and received Rs. 20,000 as a present<sup>3</sup>.

Jahāngīrī, I, p. 31, and later in the same year granted the title of Sardār Khān and sent with Mīrzā Ghāzī to Qandahār, op. cit., p. 71.

- 1 Op. cit., p. 86.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 151. The grant of half his rank to his sons is recorded on the same page. Also see Blochmann,  $\bar{A}^{*}in$ , I (2nd edn.), p. 523, where his name is given as Takhtā Bēg Kābulī.
- 3 The above account is taken almost verbatim from his biography in Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 756, where, however, it is stated that he came to India

By a fortunate coincidence Begam Sahib-who was loved by Emperor Shah Jahan more than all his sons—was, only twenty days before his arrival, going to her bed-chamber after waiting upon her father. Suddenly the corner of her dress caught fire1 from a lamp which was lighted in the portico on the way. As the clothes of the ladies of the Harem of honour are extremely delicate, and fragrant oils are sprinkled on them, the flames shot out and caught all over the dress. Although four (female) servants, who were in attendance, took all possible steps to extinguish the flames, but as their dresses also caught fire they were obliged to look after themselves. others could know of this accident, and water could be brought, the back and both sides of the body, and both the arms of the Princess were burnt. In great anguish the Emperor himself undertook the task of nursing, and in the first instance had recourse to spiritual remedies. From the first to the third day 5,000 muhars (gold coins) and 5,000 rupees were distributed as alms to the poor each day. Until convalescence large sums were spent in charity, and seven lacs of rupees of government dues2, for which debtors in detention were responsible, were remitted. It was also ordered that after this 1,000 rupees a day, or 360,000 rupees a year should be distributed to the poor as alms

after performing the pilgrimage. See also id. pp. 367, 368, where it is stated that he arrived at the Court 20 days after the accident, but the rank to which he was appointed is given as 1,500 with 200 horse. The year in the text is incorrectly given as 1053 instead of 1054 A.D.

The burning took place on 27th Muharram, 1054 A.H. (5th April, 1644 A.D.). A detailed account is given in Bādshāhnāma, II, pp.363-369. In Khāfi Khān, I, pp. 598-600 the year of accident is given as 1053 A.D., and it is stated that two of the four maidservants who tried to extinguish the flames died of their injuries. Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1894 edn.), p. 190, apparently on Stewart's authority states that she was cured by the treatment of an English physician named Gabriel Boughton, but this is incorrect, see Irvine's note in Storia do Mogor, I, p. 219. Boughton treated one of Shujā's ladies.

2 'Ain-ul-māl. From Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 365 it appears that criminals were also released.

on behalf of the Princess. Afterwards bodily remedies were resorted to, and physicians and surgeons came from all quarters, and applied themselves to cure the patient.

Hakīm Dāūd, whose arrival at such a time was a lucky coincidence made use of proper remedies for various diseases which developed from the burns, such as lazum tab (hectic fever), lainat taba,1 (intermittent fever), and tahabhauj itrāf chashm² (swellings round the eyes). He became an object of praise and felicitation. On the occasion of the festival to celebrate the convalescence he was raised to the rank of 1,000 with 200 horse, received various other gifts, and gained a position of trust with the Emperor. Further all offerings (to the Emperor) on Fridays were for one year assigned to him. In the 20th year he received the high title of Tagarrub Khan, and in the 23rd year his rank was advanced to 3,000 with 800 horse. In the 26th year he displayed his great skill in treating Akbarābādī Mahala, and in addition to an increase of 500 in his rank received a present of Rs. 30,000. In the 27th year his rank was increased to 4,000 with 3,000 horse. In the 31st year when the Emperor was afflicted with strangury and as a result of use of cooling medicines this ended in diabetes and great weakness of the body; no prescriptions of the ablest physicians proved of any use. But for the relief of strangury much benefit was derived from the use of manna (shīr-khisht) which was ably prescribed by Taqarrub Khan. In accordance with a presage, the Emperor changed his residence, and in Muharram 1068 A.H. (October, 1657 A.D.) came from the Capital to Agra, and by taking mā'-ul-labm (essence of meat) and strong soups recovered his health. Tagarrub Khān was promoted to the exalted rank of 5,000, and beat loudly the drum of his high office. After the throne of India

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 368. 2 Op. cit., p. 368.

<sup>3</sup> One of Shāh Jahān's wives. Her name was 'Izz-un-Nisā Bēgam, see Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary, p. 45. She died on 28th January, 1678 (4th Dhul Hijjah, 1088 A.H.), vide Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 160, and not 29th January, 1677, as stated by Beale.

was adorned by the accession of Emperor Aurangzib, and Shah Jahan was kept in retirement in the Agra fort, Taqarrub Khan who had made excellent endeavours in treating Shāh Jahān, and had become fully acquainted with his constitution received a reward of 30,000 ashrafis, and was again the recipient of royal favours. He was appointed to complete the cure, and to restore Shah Jahan to health. After this he, for some reason, became the object of censure by Emperor Aurangzib, and for a time lived in retirement. In the beginning of the 5th year Emperor Aurangzib suffered from a severe attack of fever, and became extremely weak. On this occasion, Tagarrub Khān was again restored to favour, and made the recipient of gifts and bounties even though he was not asked to treat the Emperor<sup>1</sup>. He was, however, allowed to pay his respects. In the same year, 1073 A.H. (1662 A.D.) he died2: His son Muhammad 'Alī was relieved of his mourning dress by the grant of a robe of honour by the Emperor. He also had been dismissed from office on account of his father's faults, but was now restored to the rank of 1,500 with 200 horse. As he became the envy of the leading men of the time owing to his close association with the Emperor, a separate account3 about him has been included.

### TARBIYAT KHAN 'ABDUR RAHIM

(Vol. I, pp. 483, 484).

He was the son of Qāim Khān, son of Muqīm Khān, son of Shujā'at Khān of Akbar's time. Muqīm Khān was appointed to a suitable rank on the death of his father, and towards the end of Emperor Akbar's reign reached the rank of 700. Later, Emperor

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 749.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 757, and Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 42.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 625-627, translation antea pp. 111, 112

<sup>4</sup> See Maāthir-ul-Umara, Text, II, pp. 557-660, translation antea pp. 850-853; also Blochmann, A'în, I (2nd edn.), pp. 401, 402.

Jahāngīr in the 3rd year of his reign married¹ Ṣāliha Bānū, the daughter of Qāim Khān, and gave her the title of Pādshāh Maḥal; as a consequence 'Abdur Raḥīm's position was greatly advanced. In this year he was granted a suitable rank, and the title of Tarbiyat Khān². Later he received the rank of 700 foot with 400 horse³. In the 5th year he was appointed Fanjdūr⁴ of the Pargana of Alwar. In the 9th year his rank was increased by 500 with 500 horse⁵. His son Miyān Jōh⁶ whom Pādshāh Maḥal had taken for her son, was killed by Mahābat Khān in the year when the latter behaved insolently towards the Emperor on the banks of the river Bihat (Jhēlum).

# TARBIYAT <u>KH</u>AN BARLAS (Vol. I, pp. 493-498).

His name was Shafi Ullah, and he was a foreigner (an Uzbeg) by birth. He entered royal service in the time of Emperor Shah Jahan, and because of his becoming well known was soon appointed to the

- The marriage is not mentioned in Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī. For Pādshāh Maḥal see Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1894 edn.), p. 347; the name of her father is wrongly given as Qāsim Khān. This mistake is repeated in Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk, Vol. I, but in Vol. II, the name is correctly given as Qāim Khān. See also Rogers & Beveridge, op, cit., II, p. 86 note where it is stated that she was the chief wife of the Emperor before Nūr Jahān.
  - 2 Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit. I, p. 149.
- 3 The promotions and ranks as given in the Tūzuk are quite different from the above account. In the 2nd year he was made paymaster of the Abdīs and given the rank of 700 with 200 horse, pp. 116, 117; in the 3rd year he was promoted to the rank of 700 with 400 horse, p. 153; in the 8th year after a promotion of 500 with 50 horse his rank is stated to have been raised to 2,000 with 850 horse, p. 236; and in the 11th year a further increase of 500 with 500 horse is stated to have increased his rank to 3,000 with 1,500 horse, p. 320.
  - 4 Op. cit., p. 178.
  - 5 His death is recorded in the 14th year of the reign, op. cit., II, p. 86.
- 6 Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngiri, p. 259 where he is called Jhājū grandson of Shujā'at Khān.

high office of Mir Tuzuk1 (Master of Ceremonies). In the 19th year he was appointed Commandant2 of the Lahore fort, and granted the rank of 1,000. In the 20th year he was reappointed Mīr Tūzuk3, and was ordered4 to go to Ghorband, and act as a Sazāwal, and make everyone, who had been appointed to Balkh, and had not joined Prince Muhammad Aurangzib-who had been sent as the Governor of that territory—proceed there. In the 22nd year he came to Kabul and paid his respects to the Emperor. He was granted an increase of 500 horse, and carried out his duties as zealously as he had done hitherto. In the 23rd year he returned from the Qandahar campaign along with Sa'ad Ullah Khan, and appeared at the Court. He was granted the title of Tarbiyat Khān5, and in the 24th year was made Master of the Horse in succession to Murshid Qulī Khān. In the 26th year he was appointed Dārōgha of the artillery in addition to his office of the Mir Tuzuk. In the 29th year he was granted a standard, and the rank of 2,000 foot with 1,500 horse, and nominated to the charge of the Suba of Orissa as the deputy for Prince Muḥammad Shujā'. In the 31st year he was granted an increase in the number of his troopers, and a drum, and appointed Governor of Oudh. During the time of confusion in the sovereignty he came to the Presence, and after the defeat of Dara Shikoh he entered the service of Aurangzib at the stage of Bagh Nur Manzil (near Agra). Before Aurangzīb left the Capital in pursuit of Dārā Shikōh, Tarbiyat Khān received an increase of 1,500 with 2,000 horse; his rank thus became 4,000 foot with 3,000 horse<sup>6</sup>, and he was appointed to the charge of the holy territory of Ajmer. After Dārā Shikōh in the course of his wanderings had withdrawn into Gujarāt, and renewing his plumage was marching towards Ajmēr with a fresh army, Tarbiyat Khan before his arrival in that neighbour-

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 477.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 480.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 609.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 641, 642.

<sup>5 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 104.

<sup>6 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 119, but his rank after promotion is given as 4,000 with 4,000 horse.

hood came<sup>1</sup> out of the fort, and at the stage of Tūra<sup>2</sup> joined Aurangzīb's force which was proceeding to Ajmēr with the intention of giving battle. After Emperor Aurangzīb's victory he was confirmed in the government of Ajmēr. In the 3rd year he was appointed<sup>3</sup> to the charge of the Abode of Sanctity (Dār-ul-Amān, i.e., Multān) in succession to Lashkar Khān.

When Shah 'Abbas II the ruler of Iran sent' Budaq Beg, the son of Qalandar Sultan Chola Tafangchi Aqasi-who was one of the chief officers of his realm—as an ambassador with a letter of congratulations on the accession (of Aurangzīb). The ambassador arrived at the royal court, and in the same year was permitted to return. it is a well established custom that a reply should be sent—especially in the case of two powerful Sultans, and the exchange of ambassadors also results in amicable relations—Tarbiyat Khan—who was an excellent officer of position and means—was granted an increase of 1,000 horse, and with suitable presents of the rarities and precious products of Hindustan worth nearly seven lacs of rupees was in the 6th year sent on an embassy to Iran<sup>5</sup>. He paid his respects to the Shah at Ispāhān which was the capital of Iran. Owing to the lack of proper management the embassy was unsuccessful. Tarbiyat Khān lacked discretion and understanding, and behaved in a flighty manner. The Shah was given to drinking, and being puffed up with power and youth his brain box—which is the seat of wisdom—would get ruffled, and he was not void of madness. He displayed conceit and arrogance which are not at all proper for great and eminent people. The interviews that took place are well known to the people, but are not fit to be written about.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 304.

<sup>2</sup> Tura is 35 kos from Fathpur, vide Khafi Khan, II, p. 903.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 485.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 607.

<sup>5</sup> For an account of the arrival of the ambassador of Persia and Tarbiyat Khān being sent to Persia and details of the present see op. cit., pp. 844, 845, also Maātbir-i-'Ālamgirī, p. 47.

In short, Tarbiyat Khan after bearing insults and ill treatment obtained after one year permission to return from Farrukhabad to India.1 Contrary to the ambassadors of the times of Emperors Jahangir and Shah Jahan, such as Khan 'Alam Duldi', Safdar Khan' Āqāsī—who had conducted their great missions in a proper manner he annihilated the objects of an embassy, viz., laying the foundations of friendship and strengthening the pillars of amity. Rather the result was just the opposite, as ancestral good relations and regard were changed into enmity, and it even went as far as the collecting of armies on both sides. After Tarbiyat Khīn's departure the Shāh deputed a large army to Khurāsān, and himself set about making preparations for war. When this state of affair became known to Emperor Aurangzīb from the letters of Tarbiyat Khān—who had reached the imperial territories, he, in the 9th year, sent Prince Muhammad Mu'zzam with 20,000 cavalrymen to Kābul. By chance the Shah died in the beginning of Rabi I, 1077 A.H. (September, 1666 A.D.) of quinsy, and the disturbance raised by Tarbiyat Khan quieted down. The said Khan returned from Iran to the Capital, and was censured by the Emperor and was not permitted4 to do homage. In the 10th year he received the rank of 4,000 with 3,000 horse, and on the death of Khan Dauran appointed Governor of Orissas. In the

- I Farrukhabad is incorrect, it should be Farrāhābād in Mazandarān, see 'Alamgīrnāma, p. 974. The remarks about the embassy are apparently taken from Khāfī Khān, II, pp. 202, 325. Bernier in his Travels in the Moghul Empire (Constable edn. 1891), p. 185, refers to Tarbiyat Khān's ill treatment by the Shāh. See Irvine's edition of Storia do Mogor, II, pp. 128-131, for Manucci's account of the indignities which Tarbiyat Khān had to suffer, and his useful note on p. 128.
- 2 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 732-736, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 389-392, and Blochmann, Ā'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 577, 578. His name was Barkhūrdār. In Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, on p. 427 it is stated that he did not possess the skill or tact necessary for an ambassador.
- 3 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 733-736. translation antea pp. 665-667 For his embassy see Banarsi Prasad Saksena, History of Shahjahan, p. 214.
  - 4 Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, pp. 56, 57. 5 Op. cit., p. 62.

13th year he was sent as Governor of Oudh1 in succession to Fida7i After that he returned to the Court, and was appointed Superintendent of the Mansabdars. In the 19th year he succeeded Amīr Khān as the Governor of Bihār2, and when in the 20th year that province was assigned in fief to Prince Muhammad A'zam, the said Khan was appointed Faujdar of Tirhut and Darbhanga3. In the 24th year he was transferred as Faujdar of Jaunpūr<sup>4</sup>, and in the 28th year5, 1096 A.H. (1685 A.D.) he died there. His son Hidayat Ullah came to the Court, and received a mourning dress of honour6. A story about Tarbiyat Khan apparently refers to the Tarbiyat Khan under consideration. It is said that one morning Shah Jahan was shooting ducks on the banks of the Jamna. A mist, such as often comes up over rivers and ponds and which is called kuhr in Hindi, The Emperor jokingly said, "Let someone recite a verse suitable to the occasion." Tarbiyat Khan said:

#### Verse:

If the inauspicious foot of Mas'ūd'
Should approach a river, (even there) smoke would arise.

# TARBIYAT KHAN FAKHR-UD-DIN AHMAD BAKHSHI (Vol. I, pp. 486-490).

In the time of Emperor Jahāngīr he came from Tūrān to India, and was exalted by the grant of a mansab under the Crown. While holding a minor rank he came to the notice of the Emperor, and as a result became more famous than his contemporaries and rivals. As in the affair of Shahriyār, he rendered valuable services<sup>8</sup> in conjunction

1 Op. cit., p. 104.

2 Op. cit., p. 148.

3 Op. cit., p. 157.

- 4 Op. cit., p. 209.
- 5 Op. cit., p. 261.

  7 The conjunction, between nā muhārak and Mas'ūd in the text is apparently a mistake, and has been omitted in the translation.
  - 8 Bādshānāma, I, pt. i, p. 73. For an account of Shariyar's bid for sover-

with Asaf Khan Yamin-ud-Daula, he was suitably rewarded. After Shāh Jahān ascended the throne he was granted the title of Tarbiyat In the 6th year he was selected as the ambassador for Tūrān, and was sent along with Waqas Haji, the ambassador of Nadhar Muhammad Khan the ruler of that country. He carried a reply to the Khan's letter together with the rarities of India to the value of a lac of rupees1. In the 8th year, after having performed his commission in the most excellent manner, he returned to the royal threshold. He brought with him a pēshkash of forty five horses, and a like number of male and female camels, and other articles. Among these was a manuscript of the holy Quran in the handwriting of Shad Mulk Khānum, daughter of Sultan Muhammad Mīrzā, son of Jahāngīr Mīrzā, son of Amīr Tīmūr2. It was beautifully written in the Raihānī3 characters, and at the end her name and lineage were inscribed in the R'iqā' characters. Tarbiyat Khān obtained it in Balkh, and Emperor Shah Jahan was greatly pleased with this memorial of his ancestors.

It is said that Tarbiyat Khān on going to that country gave up the Hindūstānī dress, and until his return to India used to wear the clothes used in Tūrān. Accordingly he appeared before the Emperor in an Uzbeg turban, and the latter was greatly pleased. At the same time his rank was raised to 1,500 with 1,000 horse, and he was appointed Master of the Horse<sup>5</sup>. In the 9th year when the royal retinue on its return from the Deccan halted at Māndū, Tarbiyat Khan was deputed<sup>6</sup> with a force against the Zamīndār of Jītpūr, who was behaving in a

eignty see Beni Prasad, History of Jahangir, pp. 426, 427, and Banarsi Prasad Saksena, History of Shahjahan, pp. 58, 59.

- 1 Op. cit., pp. 465, 466.
- 2 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, pp. 65, 66.
- 3 Raibān is a style of writing derived from the Kūfic, abounding in straight lines, see Blochmann, A'în, I (2nd edn.), p. 106.
- 4 Epistolary writing consisting of "three-fourth curved lines and one-fourth straight lines", see Blochmann, loc. cit.
  - 5 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 67.

rebellious manner. The Khān conciliated him, and brought him to salute the threshold of the Caliphate. In the 10th year he was granted an increase of 500 Dhāt, and appointed 2nd Bakhshī¹ in succession to Muʿtamad Khān. In the 14th year on the death of Shāh Qulī Khān he was appointed Governor² of Kashmīr. When, in the 15th year, as a result of extraordinary rains the water rose very high in the river Bihat (Jhēlum) and the floods destroyed the autumnal crops, and owing to the destruction of many villages, inhabitants of the country became scattered and miserable, the said Khān did not take proper measures to relieve and help the poor and the wretched—as was essential at such times. The distressed of the territory preferred complaints and discontent against his behaviour, and he, therefore, on being removed³ from office returned to the Presence.

The auther of the Dhakhirat-ul-Khwanin has stated that when Emperor conceived the idea of conquering Balkh and Badakhshan he asked Tarbiyat Khan for his opinion on the subject. That honest man, who had recently become acquainted with the countries, represented without any dissimulation that the Emperor should never contemplate carrying out any campaigns there. As horses and men there were more numerous than ants and locusts, and as Indians would not be able to withstand the snow and cold of the country, there would be no end to the affair. By chance the Emperor also asked Mulla Fadil Kabuli4—who was one of the most learned men of the age-what he thought of the project of extricating his ancestral properties from the hands of the Changezi princes. The Mulla replied that to make war on the people of that country-who were all Muhammadans—was contrary to the Sharī'at Law, and would end in loss and destruction. The Emperor was greatly offended and said that if time-servers pronounced such judgments, and Bakbsbis frightened the soldiers about snow and cold, how could campaigns be carried out.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 279.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 225.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 283.

<sup>4</sup> Probably he is Fāḍil Khān alias Mullā 'Alā-ul-Mulk Ṭūnī—see Maāthirul-Umarā, Text. III, pp. 524-539, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 550-553.

He sent of the Mulla on pilgrimage to Mecca, and removed Tarbiyat Khān from his post of Bakhshī. The latter thereupon swooned and died. Though this story does not agree with the facts of Tarbiyat Khān's biography, for after being Bakhshi he was appointed Governor of Kashmir, and the Balkh affair occurred in the 19th year when perhaps Tarbiyat Khān was still alive—although the date of his death has not been traced—yet this can be said that he may have served as Bakhshi a second time, or that on some former occasion there may have been a proposal for conquering Balkh but which was not translated into action. In any case Tarbiyat Khān's views were fully confirmed later. The Indian army did not at all take to the idea of settling in that cold country, and the territory that had been conquered, had perforce to be given up. Emperor Shah Jahan after seeing the state of things approved the sage opinion of Tarbiyat Khan, and favoured his sons; the displeasure which he had felt against Tarbiyat Khān was dissipated. He was gracious to his eldest son Mīrzā Muḥammad Afdal, who was unique as a horseman and an archer. It is stated that his father would place him on a horse that was restive and obstreperous. Men would say that today or tomorrow this boy's arms and legs would be broken. His father replied, "Let him die, or become a crack rider". The said son was also skilled in letter writing, and in the etiquette of the society. He lived as a Mīrzā and was pious. Khān Daurān Governor of the Deccan on account of his friendship with the father took the son with him. After Khan Dauran's death Islām Khān also recognized his ability and took him to the Deccan. He was appointed Faujdar of Pathri. Later, when Shah Nawaz Khan came to the Deccan, he made him Faujdar of Dhondapur. He had the rank of 500 with 500 horse. He died in the 25th year. The second son is Faqir Ullah Saif Khan1 whose account will be included in its proper place.

<sup>1</sup> His name was Saif-ud-Dīn Muḥmūd alias Faqīr Ullāh Khān and his biography is given under Saif Khān—Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 479-485, translation antea pp.683-687.

## TARBIYAT KHAN MĪR ĀTISH

(Vol. I, pp. 498-503).

His name was Mîr Muḥammad Khalīl, and he was the eldest son of Dārāb Khān¹ Banī Mukhtār. He was distinguished above his peers in the later years of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign for his stoutness of heart and hazarding his life. In the 40th year he was promoted to the rank of 2,000 foot with 1,200 horse, and was deputed from Brahmapūrī2—which was then the royal residence—to chastise3 the rebels of the Mahādēo hills4. On his recommendation Dandī Rāō who was his accountant (awardah5)—was granted the rank of 1,500, and appointed Thanadar of those hills. After that he was appointed head of the artillery (Mir Atish). In the 42nd year he was sent off to dispose<sup>6</sup> of (bar-dāsbtan) the Maratha camp, and granted an increase of 500. After that he was continually employed in pressingand chastising the banditti of the Deccan, and was always safe and successful (sālim u ghānim). In the capture of the Maratha forts he became well known for the bastions and batteries which he constructed. When in the 43rd year, 5th Jummāda I, 1111 A.H. (19th October, 1699 A.D.), the Emperor after halting for four years at Islāmpūrī set out on a holy war to conquer the forts of Sīvā (Sivājī) Bhonsle, and after passing Miraj or Murtadabad encamped in the

r Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 30-32, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 448-450.

<sup>2</sup> In Shōlāpūr district, Bombay, cantonment of Aurangzib's Grand Army from 1695-1700, see *Imperial Gazetteer*, IX, p. 10 et seq. It was renamed Islāmpūri by Aurangzib.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 382.

<sup>4</sup> Probably the Mahadeo Hills in Central provinces, Imperial Gazetteer, XIII, p. 179.

<sup>5</sup> See Wilson's Glossary, p. 40 under Awardah-navis.

<sup>6</sup> Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, pp. 395, 396. The Marhatta camp was in Berār.

<sup>7</sup> Mirich in text, but should be Miraj, a State in the Bombay Presidency, see Imperial Gazetteer, XVII, p. 361.

thana of Masūr1, the Khān Mīr Atish in accordance with orders proceeded to invest the fort of Basantgarh2, which is a fortress in a mountainous defile three kos from Masūr. By his energy he accomplished the work of two years in two days, and brought his artillerymen under the wall of the fort. As the garrison of the fort did not desist from discharging their cannon, the royal advance camp was set up on the bank of the Kishna (Krishna) river which flows at the foot of the fort at a distance of one kos. On the same day the besieged thought it an advantage to escape with their lives, and went away, and the fort became known as Kalīd-i-Fath (the Key of Victory). Mīr 'Abdul Jalīl Bilgrāmī3 found the chronogram: Kob kufr shikast: 1111 A.H.; 1699 A.D. (the hill of the unbelievers was broken). From there the royal army proceeded towards Satāra4 fort, which is situated on a sky high hill, and was the greatest and strongest of Siva's forts; accordingly it is today the capital and residence of Raja Sahū. On 25th Jummada II (8th December, 1699 A.D.) the royal tents were set up half a kos from the foot of the fort, and the Khan Mir Atish proceeded to extend bastions for the purpose of taking the fort, and discomfiting the enemy. Wonderful performances were enacted. At a distance of thirteen cubits from the fort wall the said Khān erected an out-work (damdama5)

1 Maisūr of text is Masūr about 21 miles south of Satāra.

2 Bombay Gazetteer, XIX, p. 238. The place is some 7 miles north-west of Karad which is 8 miles south of Masūr. For the account of its conquest see Maāthir-i-Ālamgīri, pp. 410, 411.

3 For his account see Maāthir-ul-Karām alias Sarv-i-Āzād, II, (Haidarabad edn., 1913), pp. 253-286.

4 For accounts of the siege of Satāra see Maathir-i-'Ālamgīrī, pp. 412-421, and Sir Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, V, pp. 161-166; in the latter work the dates are according to the Old Style, and 11 days must be added to get the New Style dates. For a very detailed account also see the same author's exhaustive paper in the Proceedings Ind. Hist. Records Commission, II for 1922, pp. 2-11 (1922). A translation of Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī account of the siege was published as an appendix by Stewart in his Descr. Cat. Oriental Library of the late Tippoo Sultan of Mysore, (Cambridge, 1809).

5 Translated as cavalier by Stewart.

twenty four yards high in front of a bastion. What an amount of money was spent on it. When, however, he saw that it would be of no avail for taking the fort, he ran an approach (zīna) from the foot of the outwork. It was constructed of strange1 materials. Then a mine was driven to under the fort, and over it wooden steps (zīna) were erected. But as the wall (of the fort) was all rock (kōbī), and was thirty yards high, above which was a slope2 six yards long, heaped with stones (sang-chīn), the attack failed. Thereupon the Emperor ordered that Fath Ullah Khan's under the command of Rüh Ullah Khan should push forward other batteries. Tarbiyat Khan did not wish that some one else should compete with him in this affair. He, therefore, to make good his ineffectual efforts in the matter of approaches (zīna) devised a proper plan, namely that he excavated in the wall (sang-chin) of the fort a recess4 (taqē) fourteen yards long in one direction and ten yards long in another, and created a big gap in the wall(?). There was thus no obstruction between the besieged and the brave besiegers, who were on guard in the recess, but no one on either side dared to traverse the intervening space of barely one cubit in length. He arranged to fill up the entire tunnel with gunpowder, so that the wall should be blown up, and a passage for attack made available. Accordingly on 5th Dhul Qa'da (13th April, 1700 A.D.) when the siege had lasted for 4 months and some days, one of the charges was was set on fire. The wall fell

<sup>1</sup> Camel litters, cotton and hemp clothes etc., see Maātbir i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 415.

<sup>2</sup> مز (daur) in text, but مز هر (mazawwar) in Maāthir-i-Alamgīri, p. 414, whence the account is taken. I believe it means that there was a slope of six yards over the 30 yards high wall for rolling down stones.

<sup>3</sup> For Fath Ullah Khān see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 40-47, Beveridge's translation I, pp. 537-542. Rūh Ullāh Khān is the Rūh Ullāh Khān Khānazād Khān for whom see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 315-317, translation antea pp. 616, 617.

<sup>4</sup> According to Khāfi Khān, II, p. 465, there were two recesses, and this seems to be correct.

inside, and a large number of garrison were burnt. When the other mine was fired the idea was that the wall this time also would fall inwards, and in addition to the sappers and miners Mukhlis Khān and Ḥamid-ud-Dīn Khān with some thousand troopers were standing ready to rush in. Suddenly the wall collapsed towards them. In addition to the large numbers of Baksarīyas¹ and the men of Karnātik and Māvlēs, 2,000 experienced heroes were killed. A more surprising thing was that during the uproar some footmen got out on the top of the wall and raised the cry "Come here, there is no one in this place." Fear, however, had so undermined the soldiers' determination that no one went forward. At last the garrison getting wise to the situation rushed on to their head, and washed out the picture of those brave lives with the water of their swords.

A more extraordinary<sup>2</sup> thing was that after the outwork had been destroyed and the batteries had fallen, and the besieging force withdrawn from the attempt, the Māvlē<sup>3</sup> footmen became disheartened by the deaths of their brothers, sons and friends, and were enraged with the Mīr Ātish. When they saw that it would be difficult to bring away the corpses from under the stones and earth—and cremation is most essential according to their religion of evil principles—they the same night set fire to the batteries which were constructed entirely of wooden logs. This fire raged for seven days and nights. In fine, the Mīr Ātish employed such devices in the taking of this fort as could hardly be imagined. Man proposes, and God disposes! By the grandeur of the Emperor's fortune, nine days after this occurrence, on

<sup>1</sup> See Irvine, Army of the Indian Moghuls, p. 168; they were foot soldiers not necessarily Rājpūts. In Maāthir-i-ʿAlamgirī, p. 416, it is but in Khāfi Khān, II, p. 465, it is wrongly copied as عبن with the variant عبن for he translates it as jews.

<sup>2</sup> Khāfi Khān, II, p. 468.

<sup>3</sup> Babliya is apparently a mistake for Māvlē, see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., p. 165.

13th Dhul Qa'da of the 44th year (21st April, 1700 A.D.), after 4 months and 18 days' siege the fort was captured. Accordingly a detailed account of it has been included elsewhere1. In the batteries against Panhāla (Parnāla in text) and Pavangarh-which were contiguous to one another-Tarbiyat Khan exhibited such skill that the spectators were astonished. He tunneled out several jaribs of the land, and thus created a passage along which three (armed) men could pass abreast, and at distances of some paces made shelters in each of which twenty workmen could sit. On either side there were ventilators and passages for sunlight. In these shelters he placed musketeers who by their shooting prevented the besieged from putting their heads over the wall. He extended these passages to under the tower, which was planted with cannon, and destroyed its foundations so that a number of brave men took up posts there, and received no hurt from the huqqahs2 and matwalas3 fired by the enemy. Finally the tunnel was extended under the rampart (dīwār faṣīl)4 and inside the fort. Although Muhammad Murad Khan one day through a lucky chance would have taken possession of the fort, but the other leaders out of respect for the Mir Atish—who in this matter publicly unfurled the flag of: "I and none else"-did not give heed to him; a reference to this has been made in the account of Muhammad Murad Khan. Later before the plans of the Mir Atish had been completed, the

1 Apparently the reference is to Fath Ullah Khan's account referred to in footnote 3, p. 936.

2 See Irvine, op. cit., pp. 131, 182. These were some type of a hand grenade.

3 Apparently the stones that were rolled down. This is confirmed by Khāfī Khān, II, p. 464, where the expression is sang-i-matwāla or drunken stones, so called, apparently because they rolled along and from side to side like a reeling drunkard.

4 See Irvine, op. cit., p. 264, who is inclined to consider faṣīl as "a platform running round the inside of the wall, on which the guns were mounted, or from which the defenders fired".

5 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 682-692, translation antea. His part in the Panhāla siege is detailed on pp. 688, 689, of the text.

besieged were reduced to extremities and surrendered the fort. In the 46th year after the conquest of the fort of Khēlna (Vishālgarh) he was granted an increase of 5001. In the 47th year through his skill and valour the fort of Kondana (Singhgarh) known as Bakhshanda Bakhsh (The gift of the Giver) was conquered2. In the 48th year, as a reward for his conquest of the fort of Rajgarh he was granted an increase of 500 foot with 200 horse, and his rank thereby was advanced to 3,500 foot with 1,800 horse. In the 40th year in addition to his appointment of the Mir Atish he was appointed Superintendent of the Artillery of the Deccan in succession to Mansur Khan. As he was later also made Dila'dar of Banī Shāhgarh and Muhyiābād up to the river Bhīmra (Bhīma), Muhammad Ishāq his son was appointed as his deputy in-charge of the artillery. Afterwards he was granted the title of Bahadur, and after the conquest of Wagingera he received an increase of 200 horse, and the gift of a drum. In the 50th year he was sent to punish the sedition-mongers in the direction of Rahman Bakhsh4. After the death of Emperor Aurangzīb Muḥammad A'zam Shah also left the charge of the artillery to him. It is stated that when on the day of the battle it appeared that Bahadur Shah would be victorious inasmuch as he was unrivalled as a marksman, he drove his elephant forward, and fired both the barrels of a double-barreled gun at Muhammad 'Azīm-ush-Shān. Both misfired. He threw away the gun and at the same time a ball hit him in the chest, and he was killed. His son Muhammad Ishaq distinguished himself in his father's life-time. Later he received the title of Tarbiyat Khan, and became 1st Mir Tuzuk (Chief Master of Ceremonies) in the time of Emperor Muhammad Shāh. In the commotion of Nādir Shāh his honour and property was wantonly plundered by the Emperor's armed police (Nadir Shah's Nasaqcbiss). At the time of writing he was alive.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, p. 460."

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 474.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 516.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 485.

<sup>5</sup> See Irvine, op. cit., p. 227.

### TARDI BEG KHAN TURKISTANI

(Vol. I, pp. 466-471).

He was distinguished for his long and constant service under Emperor Humāyūn. After the conquest of Gujarāt he was appointed Governor of Chāmpānēr<sup>1</sup>. When Mīrzā 'Askarī, who had been appointed Governor of Gujarāt, was defeated by Sultān Bahādur, and proceeded to Agra with evil designs, and Sultan Bahadur crossing the Mahindrī river advanced to Chāmpānēr, Tardī Bēg Khān in spite of the strength of the fortress, and its abundant stores and means of defence, lost courage, and joined2 Emperor Humayun at Mandu. But notwithstanding all the confidence reposed in him and his long association, Tardi Beg Khan was in reality void of the true materials of loyalty and of the fair coin of devotion—than which there is no better capital in the realm of service. During the period of commotion he behaved in a manner which honest people regard as disgraceful, and which others also disapprove, and regard when practised towards them as exceedingly base and shameless. For instance, one day when they were marching through the territory of Rão Maldeo, there was no special horse for the Emperor to ride. When they asked Tardi Beg Khan for a horse he raised difficulties. Nadīm Koka proffered the horse on which his mother was riding, and had to seat that old lady on a camels. Afterwards when the august standards reached Umarkot, and there was great distress, he, when a demand was made, refused to give the property that he had acquired through royal patronage. The Emperor in concert with Raī Parshad, the ruler of the place, arrested him and others who had wealth, but immediately out of equity returned most of it to them. He only took a certain portion as a loan which he distributed in a fitting

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 130, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 316. Chāmpānēr is some 60 miles east-south-east of Ahmadabad.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 144, translation, p. 321.

<sup>3</sup> Elliot's History, V. p. 212, also Akbarnama, I, translation, p. 391,

manner amongst his servants<sup>1</sup>. At the time of going to Irān Tardī Bēg Khān and other faithless servants left the Emperor near Qandahār and joined Mīrzā 'Askarī. The Mīrzā on the suspicion of their having property made over every one of them to his servants, and took them to Qandahār. He killed most of them by tortures, and took a large sum from Tardī Bēg<sup>2</sup>.

When Emperor Humāyūn returned from Irān, Tardī Bēg Khān came forward full of penitence and remorse, and was again restored to his position of an Amīr. In the year 955 A.H. (1548 A.D.) on the death of Mīrzā Ulugh Bēg son of Mīrzā Sultān he was given the fief of Zamīn Dāwar, and was sent there to administer that area. As in the expedition to India he rendered valuable services, he received Mēwāt as his Jāgīr, and his power and influence increased materially. On 7th Rabī I<sup>4</sup>, 963 A.H. (24th January, 1556 A.D.) Emperor Humāyūn in the Capital city of Delhī slipped from the flat surface of the mosque and fell to the ground, and departed from this world, according to the chronogram:

#### Hemistich

Hymāyūn Pādshāh az bām uftād (Emperor Humāyūn fell from the roof: 962)

Tardī Bēg Khān, who was the Amīr-ul-Umarā, recited<sup>5</sup> the Khutba in the name of Emperor Akbar, and sent the insignia of sovereignty through Mīrzā Abūl Qāsim<sup>6</sup>, son of Mīrzā Kāmrān to

- 2 Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 182, translation, pp. 375, 376.
- 2 Op. Cit.. Text, pp. 192, 193, translation, p. 393.
- 3 Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 14, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 25.
- 4 See Banerji, Humayun Badshah, II, pp. 254, 255 for a detailed account of Humäyün's death. Also see Beveridge's long note No. 3 on pp. 654-656 of his translation of Vol. I of Akbarnāma where various authorities are cited and the question is discussed at length. The chronogram, as noted in the text is short by one year, as Humāyūn died in 963 A.H. (1556 A.D.).
  - 5 Akbarnāma, Text, I, p, 364, translation, p. 658.
- 6 The insignia was sent through Ghulām 'Ali, but Mīrzā Abūl Qāsim was also sent to do homage, op. cit., text, p. 365, translation, p. 660.

Akbar who was then administering the Panjāb. As a reward for this signal service, which was greatly approved, he was raised to the rank of 5,000. With the other Delhī officers he took charge of that territory, and in a proper manner marching against Hājī Khān—who was one of the trusted slaves of Shēr Shāh, and who had raised the head of disaffection near Nārnaul, and was enjoying the income from round about that area—took that territory from him. He pursued him into Mēwāt, and punished many of the recalcitrants, and returning to Delhī¹ managed its affairs with great skill.

At this time Hemū Baqal (came into the forefront). He had neither nobility nor lineage (bash u nash), and in the beginning was an object of contempt; he used to sell salt in the back lanes of the town of Rīwārī. By his chicanery he became enrolled among the purveyors (baggālān) of Salīm Shāh, and became known by his talk and slander about other people. When Mubariz Khan 'Adali came to power, he made Hemū his vakīl and Commander-in-chief. his audacity and scattering of gold he performed great feats. first called himself Basant Rai, and afterwards assumed the title of Rāja Bikramājīt. As he did not know riding on horseback, he always used to go about on an elephant. Having collected a large number of elephants, he had 500 war-like elephants with him. On hearing of the inevitable event of Emperor Humayun he advanced against Delhi with 50,000 cavalry, 1,000 elephants, 51 guns and 500 culverines, and encamped at Tughlaqabad. The plan of most of the officerswho on account of Hēmū's disturbances had come from all round and joined Tardi Beg Khan-was that while waiting for the arrival of Emperor Akbar they should strengthen the towers and bastions of the fort. Tardi Beg Khan greatly heartened and encouraged them all, and made them ready for the battle. On the 2nd of Dhul Hijjah of the said year (7th October, 1556 A.D.) he engaged the enemy, and by his manful endeavours repulsed the opposing forces. Most of the imperialists pursued the fugitives, and others addressed themselves to

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, 11, p. 20, translation, p. 36.

plundering. Tardī Bēg Khān with a limited number of men had halted, and was watching the situation, when suddenly Hēmū came out of ambush and fell upon him. Afdal Khān, Khwāja Sultān 'Alī, and Ashraf Khān Mīr Bakhshī out of cowardice, and Mullā Pīr Muḥammad Shīrwānī-who was Bairām Khān's man, and wished for the Commander-in-chief's (Tardī Bēg Khān's) defeat—took to flight. Tardī Beg Khān preferred life with dishonour to death with honour, and also fled, and thus what had begun as an achievement ended in being the opposite1. At Sirhind he joined the imperial army which was on its way for the extirmination of Hemu. Bairam Khan regarding him as a rival was apprehensive of him, while Tardī Beg Khān in view of his assumed position of the leader of the army was always after overthrowing Bairam Khan; and in addition each regarded bigotry as the basis of religion. At this time, when as a result of defeat Tardī Bēg Khān was feeling humiliated and disgraced, Bairām Khān affected friendship and invited him to his quarters. He left him in his tent, and went out on the pretence of purification. His subordinates in his absence put Tardī Bēg Khān to death.

### Verse

If you see anyone's back in battle, Kill him if the enemy did not do so during engagement.

On that day Emperor Akbar had gone out hawking in the Sirhind plains. When he returned Bairām Khān sent him the message, that he had taken this audacious step for no other reason than loyalty. Tardī Bēg Khān had deliberately run away from this battle. His insincerity and hypocrisy were known to all. If such offences were overlooked, no enterprises could be accomplished. He (Bairām Khān) was ashamed at not having obtained the Emperor's permission, but he knew that owing to the latter's innate graciousness, he would never sanction the execution. Emperor Akbar in view of the prevailing circumstances accepted Khān Khānān's excuses, but as Tardī Bēg Khān

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 28-30, translation, pp. 47-50.

was an old and accomplished officer, he was displeased<sup>1</sup>. The Chaghtaī officers also cherished rancour against Bairam Khan, and grew afraid and alarmed.

### TARDI KHAN

(Vol. I, p. 478).

He was the son of Qiyā Khān Gung<sup>2</sup>. After his father's death he became a favourite of Emperor Akbar. and was appointed to a suitable Manṣab. Later, he was deputed to the Deccan under Prince Sulṭān Dāniyāl, and rendered valuable services in that area. Afterwards as a result of some improper actions he fell into disgrace, but in 49th year was restored to favour, and was exalted by appointment to the rank of 2,000 foot with 500 horse<sup>3</sup>, and received a gift<sup>4</sup> of five lakhs of dāms.

### TARSON MUHAMMAD KHAN

(Vol. I, pp. 471-475).

He was the sister's son of Shāh Muḥammad Saif-ul-Mulūk, who had become the ruler of Ghanjistān next to the territory of Khurāsān. Shāh Tahmāsp Ṣafavī in the year 940 A.H. (1534 A.D.) made Herāt his winter quarters, and deputed an army for extirpating Shāh Muḥammad, and to conquer that territory. Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān at first joined the service of the celebrated Muḥammad Bairām Khān, and soon outstripped all his colleagues both in rank and trustworthiness. When Emperor Akbar became alienated from Bairām Khān, and went towards Delhī on the pretext of hunting, Bairām Khān, in spite of

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 32, 33, translation, pp, 51-53.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 54-56, translation, antea. pp. 530, 531; also see Blochmann, Ä'in, I(2nd edn ), pp. 366, 367. Qiyā Khān was killed in 989 A.H. (1581 A.D.).

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 827; Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1239.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 836, translation, p. 1252.

his wisdom and ability, did not perceive that the dice had fallen the wrong way, and the scheme of times had taken another turn, and unconcernedly went on beating his drum of power. If any report of the state of affairs came to his ears, he did not believe it, till the orders of recall were issued to the officers. He now realized that the Emperor's hunting this time was of another type. He sent Tarsun Muhammad Khan with other confidential officers to the Court, and conveyed messages of his humility and submission. When Tarsun Muhammad Khān arrived at the Court, he heard weighty replies and was unable to make any rejoinder. He was also not permitted to leave the Court. Bairam Khan found that the road he had taken was closed. He wished to come to the Presence weeping and wailing. His opponents becoming aware of this plan impressed on Emperor Akbar, that Bairam Khan's coming in whatever form it might be, would involve deceit and treachery. Consequently Tarsun Muhammad Khan was sent with Habib Ullah Khan to forbid Bairam Khan from coming, and not permit him to come even in the garb of friendship1. After many events, some of which are detailed in the account of that Amīr<sup>2</sup> (Bairām Khān), Emperor Akbar gave permission to Bairam Khan for proceeding to the Hijaz, and gave him as companions Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān and Hājī Muḥammad Khān Sīstānī. They guided him to the confines of the imperial territory, and returned from the borders of Nagore<sup>8</sup>. Thereafter Tarsun Muhammad Khan was always in the service of the Emperor and being raised to the rank of Amir was exalted by the high rank of an officer of 5,000. For a time he was the Governor of Bhakkar4, and of Patan5 in Gujarāt.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, pp. 96, 97, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 145, 146, whence the above account of Bairām Khān is taken.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbīr-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 371-384, Beveridge's translation, I. pp. 368-378.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 118, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 181.

<sup>4</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 91, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 129.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 190, translation, p. 267.

In the 23rd year he was removed from there, and the next year was appointed as Faujdār of Jaunpūr. Mullā Muḥammad Yazdī—who was celebrated as a learned man of the times—was sent with him as Ṣadr of the province. When some of the fief-holders in Bengāl and Bihār Ṣūbas became insubordinate, and raised high the dust of disaffection, Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān went to Bihār with other loyal officers, and made great efforts to punish Bahādur Khān Badakhshī and Arab Khān who belonged to the rebellious faction. When Ma'ṣūm Khān Farrankhūdī ungratefully went astray, Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān with Shahbāz Khān adorned the field of battle. When in the 27th year Mīrzā Azīz Kōka was appointed to liberate Bengāl and retake it from the unfaithful officers, Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān was deputed with him, and behaved with great energy and bravery in subduing that country.

Later when the Qāqshāl Amīrs separated from Ma'ṣūm Khān Kābulī—who was the ringleader of the malcontents—and joined the imperial army, Kōkaltāsh sent Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān towards Ghōrāghāt, the abode of the Qāqshāls lest that country be plundered by the enemy. Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān's engaged himself in settling their territory and took up his residence at Tājpūr (probably Dinājpūr) until the rebel Ma'ṣūm Khān having collected a large number of rebels arrived from the country of Bhātī (Āssām), and ravaged the imperial dominions up to within seven kos of Tānda. He also sent a body of men to plunder the neighbourhood of Tājpūr. Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān entrenched himself in the fort, and Shahbāz Khān Kambū courageously marched from Patna to chastise the malcontents. The Bengāl officers and Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān joined him, and there was a hot engagement with the enemy. In a short time the imperia-

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 264, translation, p. 382.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 281, translation, p. 410.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text. p. 287, translation, p. 422.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 307, translation, p. 453.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 319, translation, p. 467.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 416, translation, p. 619.

lists were victorious, and Ma'sum Khan again sought shelter in the Bhātī country. Shahbāz Khān now proceeded towards that quarter with the idea that if 'Isa-the ruler of Bhati, who was always expressing his loyalty-delivered up Ma'sum Khan, his sincerity would be established, otherwise he would be punished for his duplicity. When the bank of the river Ganges (really the river Lakhra) near Khidrpurwhich was the ferry for entering the Bhati country-became the imperial camp, there were engagements, Sonargaon was captured and the country was ravaged up to Katrapūr, in which was 'Isa's home. Ma'sum Khan after a short fight took to flight; he was nearly cap-At this time 'Isa, who had gone to the Kuch country (Cooch Bihar), arrived with a large and well-equipped army. The imperial officers stood firm on the bank of the Brahmaputra, which is a great river that comes from Cathay, and built a fort there. There were river battles, and hot contests. Tarsun Muhammad Khan was deputed to arrange the army to come from behind so that the enemy would be surrounded from both sides. As it happened he selected a road which was close to the enemy, and Ma'sum Khan hearing about it came upon him with a large force. Shahbaz Khan sent Muhibb 'Alī Khān with some brave men to help Tarsūn Muhammad Khān, and sent an urgent message asking Tarsun Muhammad Khan not to engage till reinforcements arrived; rather he was to take up some strong position. He did not trust the message, and said that deceitful persons had by this stratagem separated a body of men from their leader. But at last after many endeavours on the part of his companions, who represented the wisdom of caution and the folly of carelessness, he began by taking up a strong position. But as he placed little credence in the message, he did not stay there, but proceeded towards the camp. Just then an army appeared, and Tarsun Muhammad Khan dropping the thread of foresight from his hand concluded that it was the body of auxiliaries, and prepared to welcome them. He had advanced only a short distance when hostile cries filled the plain with the dust of contention. Though the well wishers urged that he must retire to the strong position till the men from the army and the auxiliaries would arrive to help him, he did not agree. With a stout heart he advanced to give battle. Some of his men went away on the pretext of bringing the necessary materials for fighting. Although he had not more than fifteen men, he fought bravely, but as it was the dictate of Fate, he was wounded and taken prisoner. Ma'sūm Khān entered by the door of friendship, and wished him to come over to his side. He in his loyalty replied with abuse and reproaches, and gave good advice. That light-headed man became angry, and put the grey-beard of dominion to death. This catastrophe occurred in 992 A.H. (1584 A.D.) in the 29th year of the reign.

## TASH BEG TASH KHAN

(Vol. I, pp. 482, 483).

He was one of the single-fighters of Mîrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm. After the death of the Mīrzā, he in the 30th year was gratified by enlistment<sup>2</sup> in the service of Emperor Akbar. He became an object of favour, and received a Jāgīr as his tankhwāh in the Panjāb Ṣāba. In the 31st year he³ was deputed with Rāja Bīrbar (Bīrbal) to assist Zain Khān Kōka, and in 32nd⁴ year under 'Abdul Maṭlab Khān in the campaign against the Tārīkīs (Raushānīs). In the 40th year he was sent independently to chastise⁵ the 'Īsā Khail tribe, and although he exerted himself bravely, the affair, owing to his illness, could not be executed properly. In the 42nd year he was deputed with Āṣaf

- 1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 432-434, translation, pp. 645-651. Beveridge has discussed the localities in a series of very valuable notes on the pages cited.
  - 2 Akbarnāma, Text. III, p. 473, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 713.
  - 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 478, translation, p. 720.
- 4 Op. cit., Text, p. 520, translation, p. 794. For 'Abdul Matlab Khān see Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 769-771, Beveridge's translation, I. pp. 40, 41 and Blochmaun, A'în, I (2nd edn.), pp. 441, 442.
  - 5 Op. cit., Text, p. 671, translation, p. 1031.
  - 6 Op. cit., Text, p. 726, translation, p. 1084. For Aşaf Khan see Maathir-

Khan for the capture of the fort of Mau'-which was one of the great strongholds of the Zamindars of the northern hills in the Panjab province—and rendered valuable service. As a reward he was granted the title of Tāj Khān. In the 47th year, when the rebellion of Bāsū, the Zamīndār of the same hills, broke out afresh, and Khwāja Sulaimān' was appointed Bakhshi of the province, and sent off to collect in one place an army from Qulij Khan Subahdar and other fief-holders of the territory, such as Hasan Beg Shaikh Umrī, Tāj Khān and Ahmad Beg Khan Kabuli, and chastise the presumptuous chief, Tash Khan did not wait for others, but by successive marches reached the Pargana of Pathan (Pathankot) their Thanagah. It chanced that while his men were pitching the tents, an army of that bandit arrived. Jamīl Bēg, his son, and others immediately attacked it, and a severe engagement took place. Jamil Beg and fifty of his father's retainers were killed2. After the accession of Emperor Jahangir he was promoted to the rank of 3,000. In the 2nd year when the Emperor returned from Kābul to India, and the governorship of that province was assigned to Shah Beg Khan-who on being removed from Qandahar was on the road-Tash Beg was ordered that till the arrival of the said Khan he should take care4 of Kābul. Later his rank was increased, and he was appointed Governor of Tatta (Sindh). In the 9th year, corresponding to 1023 A.H. (1614 A.D.) he died6 there.

# TATAR KHAN KHURASANI

(Vol. I, p. 471).

He was one of the officers of Emperor Akbar's reign, and reached the rank of 1,000. His name was Khwaja Tāhir Muhammad. For

ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 107-115, Beveridge's translation, pp. 282-287, and Blochmann, op. cit., pp. 451-454.

- 1 Op. cit., Text, p. 803, translation, pp. 1206, 1207.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, pp. 804, 805, translation, pp. 1208, 1209.
- 3 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-lahangiri, I, p. 31.
- 4 Op. cit., p. 121, 5 Op. cit., p. 261, 6 Op. cit., p. 267.

a long time he was included among the Vazīrs. In the 8th year he was deputed with Shāh Budāgh Khān to pursue Shāh Abūl Ma'ālī¹, who passing near Ḥiṣṣār Fīrūza was proceeding towards Kābul. Later, for a long time he was in-charge of the government² of Dēlhī. In the year 986 A.H. (1578 A.D.) he died.

# TEGH BEG KHAN MIRZA GUL<sup>3</sup> (Vol. I, pp. 504, 505).

He and his two elder brothers Mīrzā Faqīr Ullāh and Mīrzā Gadā were sister's sons of Beglar Khan Mirza Ahmad, who was the Divan of Sultan Bedar Bakht. In the time of Emperor Muhammad Shah he was the commandant of the Surat port. Their father was an officer of small rank. After his death Mir Na'man Khan, the second son of Khwaja 'Abdur Rahim the Khān-i-Buyūtāt supported them. When the said Khān died, they were supported by their maternal uncle. Mīrzā Faqīr Ullāh died young. Mīrzā Gadā at first had the title of Gada Beg, and when the said Beglar Khan (his maternal uncle) died, and as he also was his son-in-law, he was granted the title of Beglar Khan, and appointed Commandant of the fort of Surat. Later, Mīrzā Gul through his good fortune received the title of Tegh Beg Khān during the reign of Emperor Muhammad Shāh, and was appointed Superintendent (Mutsadī) of that port, and was for a long time in complete charge of its affairs. He made a name for himself there by his charitable acts (nan-dihi, lit. bread giving) and magnanimity. When he left the world in 1159 A.H. (1746 A.D.) the Superintendence of the port was assigned to Mu'in-ud-Din Khan Bahadur alias Miyan Achhan, son of Shah Makhan, who was related to the said Khwaja 'Abdur Raḥīm Khan, on account of his being the

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 200, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 311.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 280, 288, translation, pp. 415, 424.

<sup>3</sup> Mea Atchund of Mill's History of India, III, p. 327.

<sup>4</sup> For a detailed account of Tegh Beg Khan's independent governorship of Surat see Gazetteer Bombay Presidency, II (1887), pp. 116-122.

son-in-law of the elder Bēglar Khān. At the time of writing though the port has come into the possession of the hat-wearing English, but Mu'īn-ud-Dīn's son, who has the title of Qāim-ud-Daulah; has his name entered (as superintendent). Gul ba khāk uftād: The flower fell to dust, is the chronogram of Tēgh Bēg Khān's death (1159 A.H., 1746 A.D.).

# (RĀJA) TŌDAR MAL (Vol. II, pp. 123-129).

Rāja Todar Mal was a Lāhōrī¹ Khattrī. He was an able accountant, and a courageous administrator. Through Emperor Akbar's patronage he rose to a high office, and attained the rank of an officer of 4,000² and was made an Amīr and leader. In the 18th year when by the Emperor's arrival Gujarāt territory was cleansed of sedition-mongers, the Rāja³ was left there to investigate the fiscal⁴ assessment of the territory, so that an equitable and just tariff for revenue assignment of the area might be enforced. In the 19th year after the conquest

- In the text it is not stated that Rāja Tōdar Mal was born at Lāhōre in the Panjāb, and the statement that he was a Lāhōrī Khattrī is correct for it is admitted by the people of Lōhārpūr in Oudh that his father was a Panjābī Khattrī. In this connection reference may be made to the letter of Mr. Ferrar of Sītāpūr, Oudh, published on p. 178 of the Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal for 1871, and Mr. Blochmann's remarks on it. According to this letter Tōdar Mal's father, who was Panjābī Khattrī, came to Lōhārpūr, and married the daughter of a Chēpārī Khattrī, and that Tōdar Mal was born there. Lōhārpūr is 17 miles north of Sītāpūr, and is mentioned in Ā'īn, II, p. 177 (Jarrett's translation). Mr. Ferrar states in his letter that there is a place called Rājapūr, near Lōhārpūr, where a fair is held in the Rāja's honour. For Rāja Tōdar Mal's account see Blochmann, Ā'īn, I (2nd edn.), pp. 376-379, and Muḥammad Ḥusain Āzād, Darbār-i-Akbarī (Lāhore, 1939), pp. 519-534.
- 2 He was raised to the rank of 4,000 in the 30th year, Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 457, Beveridge's translation, p. 687.
  - 3 Akbarnama, Text, p. 65, translation, III, p. 91.
  - 4 جمتے داصی ا Jama'dāmī, see Wilson's Glossary, pp. 120, 228.
  - 5 تنخواه Tankbwāb or assignment, see Wilson, op. cit., p. 509.

of Patna he was honoured by the grant of a standard and a drum, and was deputed1 to help Mun'im Khan in Bengal. Though in this campaign the leadership and planning were Khan Khanan's share, yet in the actual campaigning, encouraging the soldiers, making dashing marches, chastising the recalcitrants and the opposing forces, the Raja played a more distinguished part. In the battle with Da'ud Khan Karārānī, when Khān 'Alam the leader of the vanguard was killed, and Khān Khānān after he was severely wounded turned the rein, the Rāja stood firm, and continued his efforts till defeat was turned into victory. On the battle-field while the enemy were exulting over their victory, an unpleasant report about Khān 'Alam and Khān Khānān was brought to him. The Raja becoming angry said, "If Khan 'Alam be dead, what harm? If Khan Khanan has left, what fear? The Emperor's good fortune is with us2." After settling that country he returned to the Court, and was, as previously, engaged in financial and political duties.

When Khān Jahān was appointed Governor of Bengāl, Rāja Tōdar Mal was deputed³ with him, and by his excellent arrangements the territory which had been lost was recovered⁴. He captured and killed Dāūd. In the 21st year he brought to the threshold of the Caliphate from that area glorious spoils which included three to four hundred elephants⁵. As the province of Gujarāt had not been properly settled, and owing to the neglect of Wazīr Khān affairs were in confusion, the Rāja was deputed⁶ to rectify matters in that territory.

1 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 71, translation, p. 98.

4 Op. cit., Text, p. 183; translation, p. 256.

6 Op. cit., Text, p. 198; translation, p. 280,

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 118-126; translation, pp. 169-179. Rāja Tōdar Mal's reply on hearing of the death of Khān 'Alam and the Khān Khānān being forced to leave the battlefield is differently worded there (translation, p. 178).

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 162; translation, p. 229, and text, pp. 179-182, translation, pp. 251-255.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 196; translation, p. 277. The number of elephants brought by Rāja Todar Mal was 304.

He by his skill, understanding, courage and bravery made proper arrangements from Sultānpūr and Nandurbār to Barōda and Chāmpānēr, and after his arrival at Aḥmadābād, he in conjunction with Wazīr Khān lighted the lamp of justice. Suddenly the disturbance of Muzaffar Ḥusain Mīrzā instigated by Mihr 'Alī Kōlābī broke out. Wazīr Khān wanted to take shelter in the fort. Rāja Tōdar Mal by his determination made him prepare for battle, and in the 22nd year an engagement took place near Dhōlqa. As a result of the flight of his soldiers Wazīr Khān was in a very tight corner, and was about to lose his life. The Rāja who was the leader of the left wing, drove off the opposing forces, and went to his help. Immediately the warp and woof of the proud rebels were severed to bits, and the Mīrzā fled towards Junāgarh¹. In the same year he returned to the Court, and resumed² his duties as a Vazīr.

When in that year the Emperor went from Ajmer to the Panjab, one day in the bustle of the march the Raja's idols were lost, and as he never transacted any other business until he had performed their worship according to special rites, he forswore food and sleep. The Emperor by his advice made him gave up some of his superstitious devotion<sup>3</sup>. He had to perform the duties of Vazīr, but he could not satisfactorily complete the task owing to fear and the predominance of double-faced ten-tongued men. In the beginning of the 27th year, 990 A.H. (1582 A.D.) he was honoured by appointment as the chief Dīvān. In fact he was the Vakīl with absolute powers, and all business was transacted under his direction. The Raja began to reconstruct the financial and political edifice, and laid down definite regulations which were adopted by royal order. Details of these are given in Akbarnāma<sup>4</sup>. In the 29th year his house was glorified by the

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 207-209; translation, pp. 292-294.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 213, translation, p. 300.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 221, translation, p. 310.

<sup>4</sup> His appointment as chief Dīvān is recorded on p. 381 of the text and p. 581 of the translation. His eleven regulations are detailed on text pp. 381-383; translation, pp. 561-566.

Emperor's visit, and in gratitude he arranged a grand feast1. In the 32nd year a wicked Khattri on account of enmity struck him in his palanquin at night with a sword. The attendants of the Raja killed the assailant2. When Raja Bîrbar was killed in the hills of Swat, Raj Todar Mal<sup>3</sup> and Kanwar Man Singh were sent to punish the Yusufzaīs. When in the 34th year the Emperor went to Kashmir, the Raja was appointed with Muhammad Quli Khin Barlas and Raja Bhagwant Das Kachwaha to the charge of Lahore4. During this year while the Emperor was proceeding from Kashmir to Kābul, the Rāja wrote a petition to the effect that as age and sickness had overcome him, and apparently his death was near at hand, he begged that he be relieved from all business, and be allowed to the bank of the Ganges and spend his last breaths in prayer and meditation. Leave was granted, and he left Lahore for Hardwar. Suddenly another order came to the effect that no worship of God was equal to taking care of the weak. It was, therefore, better that he should look after the affairs of the oppressed. He was obliged to return. Eleven days after the beginning of the year 998 A.H., corresponding to the 34th year of the reign he died6 (21st November, 1589 A.D.).

The learned Abūl Fadl writes about him that for uprightness, straightforwardness, service, kind nature, freedom from avarice, arranging expeditions, courage, capacity for putting heart into cowards, knowledge of details, zeal and administration of Indian affairs he was the unique of the age. But he was spiteful and vindictive. Small

r Op. cit., Text, p. 440, translation, p. 661.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 519, 520; translation, pp. 792, 793.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 487, 488; translation, pp. 736, 737.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 537, translation, p. 817.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 567, translation, p. 858.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 569; translation, p. 861. Beveridge gives 8th November, 1589, as the date of his death; this must be according to the Old Style for 11 days from the beginning of 998 A.H. would be either 21st or 20th of November, 1589, as the 1st of the year was Friday, 10th November.

differences flourished in the garden of his mind-this has been considered by wise men as the worst of all traits, especially in government where the affairs of all people are entrusted to a person who is the Vakil of the master of a kingdom. If the face of his nature were not tarnished by religious bigotry, this mean personality would not have been so contemptible. The fact, however, is that if he were not bigoted, conventional and spiteful, and did not stick to his own opinions, he would have been a spiritually great man. In spite of all this and considering the prevailing state of affairs in regard to generosity and liberality—the market of which is generally flat—he was for service, diligence and understanding unrivalled. (His death) was a great blow to disinterested service, and the market of business lost its briskness. It is accepted that an honest person may be found, though probably he would be a fellow nestling of the phoenix ('angā), but by what charm could he acquire that influence (i'timad) which so seldom falls to the share of mortals21.

Emperor Aurangzīb used to say that he heard from Emperor Shāh Jahān, that Emperor Akbar had one day remarked, "Tōdar Mal is very wise and prudent in financial and political affairs, but his unconcern and conceit cannot be approved." Abūl Fadl, who was not on good terms with him, brought up several charges against him. Emperor Akbar replied, "I cannot dismiss one whom I have nurtured." The rules and regulations of Rāja Tōdar Mal for developing the country and in regard to military affairs are current throughout India, and have been the bases for several royal rescripts. In India in the days of the earlier sovereigns and rulers they used to take one sixth (of the produce) from the cultivators. The Rāja classified land as pōlaj, parantī, chachar and banjara, and measurements were carried out of all tilled

r Op. cit., Text, p. 569, translation, pp. 861, 862. In this connection also see Blochmann, op. cit., p. 377, regarding "the change in the language and the character used for revenue accounts", and which Blochmann rightly considers "as the most important reform introduced by Todar Mal."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Jarrett's translation of A'in, II, p. 63, where these four classes of land are defined.

and uncultivated land—this was called Raqba'—on the basis of bighas and biswas. The assessement on cultivation of vegetables and potherbs, and all kinds of corn etc., was fixed in cash per bigha, and in some cases on a division of the produce which was designated batai. As in the earlier days the salaries of the soldiery were reckoned in black copper coins, Todar Mal fixed the value of the rupee-which was reckoned previously at 40 falūs—at forty dāms, and fixed the assessment (jama') on the basis of the actual produce (hāl-hāsīl1), and granted it in feudal tenure as an assignment—this was called Jāgīr<sup>2</sup>. And areas of the estates—whose revenue was paid directly into the imperial treasury, were called Khālsa-to the value of one kror (ten million) dams—which on the basis of collections for 12 months amounted to 2,500 for every lac of rupees, keeping in view the good and bad yield of the crops-were each assigned to one experienced officer, who was called the kronis and the extra revenue charges for the irregular troops (siwāi sibbandī) to be collected were fixed at rupees five per hundred. In the earlier days no coins other than falus (copper coins) were current. In granting rewards to officers, ambassadors and poets the procedure adopted was to mint coins of silver alloyed with copper of the weight of falūs, and designate these silver tankah5. The Raja had ashrafis of unadulterated gold weighing eleven māshas', silver rupees weighing eleven and a half māshas coined. Many other reforms which were introduced by him,

<sup>4</sup> Wilson's Glossary, p. 196.

<sup>2</sup> For Jāgīr and Khālṣa, see P. Saran, Provincial Government of the Mughals, p. 79.

<sup>3</sup> Wilson's Glossary, pp. 297, 298, and P. Saran, op. cit., pp. 296, 297. The krōrīs were first appointed in the end of the 19th year of Emperor Akbar's reign after his return to Fathpūr Sīkrī in January, 1575 (Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 117. translation, p. 167). Though the name krōrī is not used in A'īn, the office is defined on Text, I, p. 10, Blochmann's translation, p. 13, as "zealous and upright men were put in charge of the revenues, each over one kror of dāms".

<sup>4</sup> Wilson's Glossary, pp. 481, 486.

<sup>5</sup> Wilson's Glossary, p. 155.

<sup>6</sup> Wilson's Glossary, p. 538.

<sup>7</sup> Wilson's Glossary, p. 333.

cannot be detailed here. And in fact the disposition of Emperor Akbar—who was the founder of the state and government—was prolific in all affairs. He introduced valuable innovations in all arts and crafts. During his prosperous reign, as wise and clever men of all the seven climes were collected round him, all these expert masters by their clever instincts and correct understanding suggested marvellous practices, and useful innovations for approval by the Emperor. Even artisans and authors in their own trades and profession made marvellous advances.

#### Verse

When the King is a master of learning, He makes experts of all workers.

The Rāja had a number of sons. The eldest of them was Dhārū, who had the rank of 700 in Emperor Akbar's days. He performed great deeds under Khān Khānān in the Tatta (Sindh) campaign, where he was killed. It is stated that his horses were shod with gold and silver.

## (RĀJA) TŌDAR MAL SHĀH JAHĀNĪ (Vol. II, pp. 286, 287).

At first he was an associate of Afdal Khān². After his death, he, in the 13th year, received the title of Rāī, and was appointed Dīvān, Amīn and Faujdār of the Sarkār of Sirhind³. In the 14th year the charge of the Faujdār⁴ of Lakhī Jangal was added to it. As the Emperor was pleased with his development of the territory, in the

- I This was in the 37th year in Khān Khānān 'Abdul Rahīm's campaign in Sindh against Mīrzā Jānī Bēg, see Akbarnāma, III, Text, pp.608-610, translation, pp. 929-932. Dhārū's death is recorded on p. 60 of text, and 930 of the translation.
- 2 Maātbir-ul Umarā, Text, I, pp. 145-151, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 149-153.
  - 3 Badshāhnāma, II, p. 206.

15th year he was awarded a robe of honour, a horse and an elephant, and in the 16th year, as a reward for his valuable services his rank was increased to 1,000 foot with 1,000 horse, two-horse three-horse In the 19th year his rank was further increased by 500 foot with 200 horse, two-horse three-horse troopers, and he was posted to Sirhinds. In the 20th year he again received an increase of 300 horse4, two-horse three-horse troopers. Gradually the charge for the management of the Sarkar Dipalpur, and Parganas Jalandhar and Sultanpur was added to it; the annual revenue of these areas amounted to fifty lacs of rupees. He took proper measures for the collection of this amount. As a result in the 21st year he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 2,000 with 2,000 horse, and the grant of the title of Raja<sup>5</sup>. In the 23rd year he was awarded a standard. After the battle of Samugarh when Dara Shikoh during his flight reached Sirhind, Raja Todar Mal as a precautionary measure had retired to the Lakhī Jangal. Dārā Shikōh took 20 lacs of rupees of the Rāja's property which were buried in various places. During the reign of Emperor Aurangzīb he was for a time in charge of the Faujdārī of Itāwah' (Etāwah). In the 9th year, corresponding to 1076 A.H. (1665-66 A.D.) he died. /

### TŪLAK KHĀN QŪCHĪN

(Vol. I, pp. 475-478).

He was one of the servants of Emperor Bābur<sup>8</sup>. Later he joined the stirrups of Emperor Humāyūn. After that monarch returned from Irān, and took Kābul, and when Mīrzā Kāmrān, on a pretence

- 1 Op. cit., p. 247.
- 3 Op. cit., p. 473.
- 5 'Amal Sālih, III, p. 7.

- 2 Op. cit., p. 319.
- 4 Op. cit., p. 627.
- 6 'Alamgirnāma' pp. 142, 143.
- 7 His removal from Sirhind is mentioned in 'Alamgirnama, p. 220, while his appointment as Faujdar of Etawah in the 3rd year is recorded on p. 604.
- 8 Though the text seems to imply that he was one of Bābur's servants but it is hardly likely that a man who died in 1596 could have served Bābur, who died in 1530. Here the word Bāburī probably means an old servant,

of service but with a heart full of guile, came near Kābul, and was joined by treacherous officers, Emperor Humayun was compelled to turn his reins towards Duhhāk and Bāmiyān, where he had many faithful followers. He sent Tulak Khan with some other servants to look after Kābul, but except for Tūlak Khān not one returned to him1. His good services were approved, and he was appointed Keeper of the Arsenal (Qurbeg). In the expedition to India he followed2 the royal stirrups, and rendered good service. After the death of Emperor Humāyūn when Shāh Abūl Ma'ālī went astray, Akbar's well-wishers were anxious to arrest him. One day he was invited to a feast, and when he stretched out his hands for a wash, Tulak Khan-who was well known for the quickness of his movements-came behind him and seized both his arms. Others helped, and the work of arrest was carried out3. Later, he was for a long time attached to the Kābul administration. In the 8th year of the reign of Emperor Akbar, Ghanī Khān, the son of Mun'im Beg Khān Khānān, was supreme in Kābul. Light-headedness and turbulence were natural to him, while he had become intoxicated by youth and his high office. One day, he, without any cause seized Tulak Khan who was a man of position, and put him and a number of his relatives into confinement. Tulak Khan by the help of some sensible men made his escape. After this affair he resided in the village of Baba Khātūn, which was his Jāgīr, and waited for an opportunity for retribution. One day Ghani Khan left Kabul for seizing a caravan from Balkh, and arranged a wine party at the stage of Khwaja Sih Yaran, which is a delightful spot. Tulak Khan with a body of his relations and servants fell upon him while he was drunk, and captured him and Shagun the son of Quracha. He relieved his angry feelings by abusing Ghani Khan, and set off with his men to take Kabul. He

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, I, p. 297, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 560.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., translation, p, 623, note 1, no. 24.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 16, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 19, 20. Also see note 2 about the picture of Abūl Ma'āli's arrest in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

halted at the village of Khwaja Awash which is two kos from the city. When Fudail Beg, the brother of Mun'im Khan, and his son Abul Fath prepared to fight against him, he agreed to make peace on condition of several estates being assigned to him, and released Ghanī The latter as soon as he was released marched against Tulak Khān with a large army. Tūlak Khān did not think it advisable to remain there and so started for India. Near Ghorband river the Kābul army caught him up, and there was a battle. Bābā Qūchīn and some other of his servants were killed, but he and his son Isfandiyar, and a few of his relations and servants manfully tought their way out1. In the same year he took up service under Emperor Akbar, and gathered the materials of tranquility through the grant of a fief in the province of Malwa. In the 28th year when the Malwa army was ordered to assist Mīrzā Khān Khān Khānān ('Abdur Raḥīm) he also went with it, and according to the orders of the Khan Khanan went against Saiyid Daulat2, who was creating a disturbance in Cambay. He punished him, and was victorious. Later he joined the imperial army, and in the battle against Sultan Muzaffar Gujrātī was in the left wing3, and took an active part in the action. Later he went with Qulij Khan to take Bahronj (Broach). In the 30th year when the Malwa army was deputed to assist Khan A'zam (Mīrzā 'Azīz Kōka) for the conquest of the Deccan, he4 also hurried there. In the course of the disagreement between Khan A'zam and Shihabud-Din Ahmad Khan he fell under suspicion on account of the talk of the babblers, and was imprisoned. On being released he was appointed as an auxiliary of the Bengal and Bihar forces, and in the 37th year he was with Raja Man Singh in the battle with Qutlu's

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 184, 185, translation, pp. 285-287.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 429, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 640.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 430, translation, p. 642.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit. Text, p. 465. His name is not mentioned in the translation on p. 701.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 489, translation, pp. 739, 740, and note 5.

sons, and assisted the left wing. He died in the beginning of the 41st year corresponding to 1004 A.H. (1596 A.D.).

### TURKTĀZ KHĀN

(Vol. I. pp. 503, 504).

His ancestors were from Tūrān. His father came to India during the time of Emperor Aurangzīb, and joined the royal service. He was granted a suitable rank, and the title of Yakkahtaz's Khan, and deputed to chastise the Marathas. His uncle Khwaja Khan4, who was the sonin-law of Siyadat Khan Saiyid Oghlan, was in the 51st year granted the rank of 1,600. Turktāz Khān was born in the Deccan, and adopted Maratha customs. In dress and even food he did not distinguish himself from them, and in battle also he adopted their cossack-type of fighting which the Deccanis call Bargigiris. He was on the roll of the Deccan auxiliary officers. In the battle with 'Alam 'Alī Khān although he was with him, yet on account of his being a fellow country man, he colluded with Asaf Jah, and did not at all exert himself. After the victory he met Asaf Jah with respect, and the old associations were renewed and strengthened. Throughout his life he lived honourably. In the year 1149 A.H. (1736 A.D.) he died. He had three sons. The eldest Khwaja Muhammad during the time of Asaf Jah had the title of Khan and in Nasir Jang's time the title of his father, and in the days of Şalābat Jang was styled Qawī

- 1 Op. cit., Text, p. 611, translation, p. 935.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, p. 711, translation, p. 1060. He apparently died in the end of June, 1596.
- 3 He is often mentioned in 'Alamgirnāma and Maātbir-i-'Alamgiri as one of the officers who took part in several campaigns.
  - 4 Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 518.
- 5 Bargi according to Irvine, Army of the Indian Moghuls, p. 171, is a name for Maratha Soldiery.
- 6 Battle near Bālāpūr, Akōla district, 6th Shawwāl, 1132 A.H. (11th August, 1720).
  - 7 Khāfi Khān, II, p. 895.

Jang. He reached the rank of 5,000, and was for a long time the commandant of the Aḥmadnagar fort. For some reason he delivered the fort to the Marathas. In 1187 A.H. (1773 A.D.) he died of some illness. He was a friendly man, of pleasant disposition, and a patron of the learned. He was very fond of good calligraphy. He never let fall the thread of friendship with the writer of the pages. Of the other two sons (of Turktāz Khān), one was Ḥamīd Khān, and the other Khwāja Sharīf Khān. Both had ranks and Jāgīr. They died before their elder brother.

### TAHIR KHAN\*

(Vol. II, pp. 751-754).

His name was Tahir Shaikh. In the 20th year of Emperor Shah Jahan's reign he came from Balkh, and kissed the royal threshold. He was awarded a robe of honour, a jewelled dagger and Rs. 10,000 in cash,1 and later a sword with golden and enamelled accoutrements, and the rank of 800 foot with 400 horses2. Later he was exalted by the grant of a jewelled \(\bar{\eta}gha'\), and his rank was increased to 1,000 with 500 horse. He was also awarded the title of Khan, and a horse with silver saddle.3 He hurried to Balkh in attendance on the stirrups of Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur. In the 21st year he received an increase of 500 foot with 100 horse, and on his return from there he placed his brow of loyalty on the threshold of faith. In the 22nd year his rank was increased to 2,000 foot with 700 horse4, and he was deputed to the Qandahar campaign in attendance on Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur. After reaching there he proceeded towards Bust in the company of Qulij Khan, and attacked the fort of Khansi, which is on the borders of Sistan, and acquired

<sup>\*</sup> This and the next biography are of officers whose names begin with the letter b T

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, pp. 608, 609.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 627, 628.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 610, 611.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣālib, III, p. 69.

much booty. In the battle against the Iranians he greatly distinguished himself, and in the 23rd year he received as a reward the rank of 2,500 foot with 1,000 horse1. Later, on arriving at the Court an order was issued to the officers of the Buyūtāt that the pēshkashes received on Thursdays should for a period of one year be sent to the said Khān2. In the 25th year he was again deputed to the Qandahar campaign in attendance on the said Prince. In the 26th year he accompanied3 Prince Dārā Shikōh on the same enterprise, and with Rustam Khān reached Qandahār before the arrival of the From there he in company with the said Khān proceeded towards Bust. In the 28th year he was granted an increase of 500 horse, and sent with Jumlat-ul-Mulk Sa'ad Ullah Khan to the Chitor In the battle near Samugarh he was4 with Dara Shikoh. After the latter's flight, when Aurangzīb's army arrived near Agra, Tāhir Khān waited upon Aurangzīb, and was granted a robe of honour. Later he was deputed6 with Khalil Ullah Khan for the pursuit of Dārā Shikōh. In the second battle against Dārā Shikōh he received a quiver, and acted with the body of scouts. Apparently after that he was appointed Governor of Multan, for the author of Maathir-i-'Alamgiri records his return from Multan in the 11th year8 after he had been removed from that office. In the 22nd year, when after the death of Mahārāja Jasvant Singh, the confiscation of his territory was decided upon, he was appointed Faujdar of Jodhpur. The servants of the said Raja with his sons after leaving Kabul reached the capital, and disobeying the royal orders fought with the force-which had been deputed against them-and then fled to their own country. As Tahir Khan did not stand in the way and oppose their flight, he in the same year was dismissed and deprived of his title of Khan10 He

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 100.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 157.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 113.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 304.

<sup>9</sup> Op. cit., p. 172.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 110.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 95.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 147.

<sup>8</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, p. 74.

<sup>10</sup> Op. cit., p. 179.

died at his appointed time. His son was Mughal Khān 'Arab Shaikh, of whom a separate account has been included.

## ŢAIYIB KHWĀJA JŪIBĀRĪ

(Vol. II, pp. 750, 751).

He was the son of Hasan Khwaja, elder brother of 'Abdur Rahim Khwaja, son of Kalan Khwaja, who was married to the aunt of Nadhar Muhammad Khan, and sister of Din Muhammad Khan. 'Abdur Raḥīm Khwāja came to India as an ambassador of Imām Qulī Khān during the reign of Emperor Jahangir, and was treated with such respect that he had a seat in the Emperor's assemblies. In the first year of the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan he died. Afdal Khan in accordance with orders went to his son Sadīq Khwāja, and after conveying condolences brought him to the Court. Hasan Khwaja, the father of Taiyib Khwaja, died of plague which broke out before Balkh was captured, and Yusuf Khwaja his second uncle took the place of his ancestors. Taiyib Khwaja was married to the daughter of 'Abdur Rahīm Khwāja. In the 20th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he started for India after the conquest of Balkh. When he reached near (the imperial seat), Qādī Muḥammad Aslam and Khwāja Abūl Khair Mir 'Adal went forward to welcome him, and brought him to the Emperor. He presented 18 horses and 15 camels, and received a robe of honour, and a gift of 1,000 gold mahars2. Later, he was exalted by the grant of a jewelled daggera. Afterwards he received a present of 500 Dhan which were equal to 150 ashrafis4. The

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III. pp. 513 625, translation antea, pp. 109-111.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 611.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 627, where his appointment to a rank of 4,000 and the gift of 1,000 mūbars is recorded. The grant of the jewelled dagger is noted on p. 632.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 678, 679. The text has 150 ashrafis with 250 as a variant. The latter is the figure in Bādshānāma, and has been adopted. This would be correct as the value of Dhan which was an innovation of Emperor Akbar's reign was "half a La'l-i-Jalāli" vide Blochmann, Ā'in, I (2nd edn.), p. 31.

Dhan is a gold com which was invented in the time of Emperor Akbar. In the 21st year he was granted a horse, and 5,000 rupees. When in the same year the Emperor returned from Kābul to India, he in accordance with orders remained in Kābul till the arrival of his children whom he had sent for from Balkh. Later, he in company with his sons Khwāja Mūsā and Khwāja 'Īsā, and the daughter's sons of Khwāja 'Abdur Raḥīm, came and did homage¹. In the 22nd year he received the gift of a horse with gilded saddle and two horses for his two sons. After a short time he and his sons received Rs. 5,000. In the 26th year he received 1,000 ashrafīs out of the weighment money. Afterwards when Yūsuf Khwāja his elder brother—who was in the place of his ancestors—died, and as no one was left except him to succeed, he in the same year was accorded permission to return² to his homeland. It appears from the end of the second volume of the Bādsbāhnāma² that he had the rank of 4,000 foot with 400 horse.

# THANA\* ULLAH KHAN AND AMAN ULLAH KHAN (Vol. I, pp. 506-507).

They were the sons of Diyā Ullāh Khān son of 'Ināyat Ullāh Khān' of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign. Diyā Ullāh Khān was known personally to Emperor Aurangzīb, and in the 47th year was appointed Dīvān of Akbarābād (Āgra). Of his two sons the first (Thanā Ullāh Khān) became distinguished as a result of a marriage connection with 'Imādul-Mulk Mubāriz Khān'. When the governorship of Ḥaidarābād

- 1 'Amal Sālib, III, p. 22.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 153. 3 Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 722.
- \* This and the next account are of officers whose names begin with the letter  $\circ$  Th.
- 4 For Ināyat Ullāh Khān's account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 828-832, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 680-682.
  - 5 Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 472.
- 6 Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 729-746, translation antea pp. 90-102. He married 'Imād-ul-Mulk's daughter, vide text, p. 746. Also see Irvine, Later Mughals, II, pp. 138, 139.

was assigned to 'Imād-ul-Mulk, the two brothers went there, and led a life of pleasure, and obtained offices according to their desires. The first was appointed Fanjdār of Sīkākūl (Chicacole). After 'Imād-ul-Mulk was killed in the 6th year of Emperor Muḥammad Shāh's reign, he took up service under Nizām-ul-Mulk Āṣaf Jāh, and was first appointed Governot of Bījāpūr. After being signally defeated there by Audā Chūnān (a Maratha general) he was appointed commandant of Parenda. He was very gay-natured and a confirmed drunkard. He died at his appointed time. The second lived idly for a long time in Haidarābād till he died. He had a very Mīrzā-like (gentle) disposition.

## THANI KHAN HARAVI

(Vol. I, pp. 505, 506).

He was an officer of the rank of 500 during Emperor Akbar's reign. His native place was Herāt, and belonged to the Arlāt clan. He had long been in imperial service, and was well known for his ability, knowledge, and pleasant temperament. If anyone was introduced to him, the very first thing he said to him was, "My love and friendship are conditional on the fact that you pay no heed to the remarks of the vulgar about me, for such people are a hindrance to mutual friendship, and productive of strife". Later, when he was deputed with the royal forces for the extermination of Alī Qulī Khān Zamān, he wrote the following couplet in a petition to the Emperor:

I For a more detailed account see Blochmann, A'în, I (2nd edn.), pp. 531-532. He was originally in the service of Mîrzā Hindāl, and after his death was taken into imperial service by Emperor Humāyūn. See also Muntakhab-ut-Tawārikh, Text, III, pp. 206,207, Haig's translation, III, pp. 286, 287, on which the above account appears to be based. His name is there given as 'Alī Akbar.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently the reference is to the expedition against Khān Zamān in the 12th year, vide Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 289, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 426.

#### Verse

O royal cavalier, adorn the field on the day of battle, The battle has begun, put your foot into the stirrup.

He prepared a versified treatise on accidence. The following quatrain is his composition. There are six words in each line, and every two of them are antithetical.

### Quatrain

At night he showed repentence, next day he broke his vow. He entered a wise man, and came out drunk.

Auspicious is approach, unlucky within and without,

My sorrow rose up (departed), your cheerfulness remained.

### UDĀJĪ RĀM

(Vol. I, pp. 142-145).

He was a Brahman from the Deccan. Through his prudence and intelligence he became distinguished, and acquired the Zamīndārī extending from Māhōr to Mahkar². By his good fortune, ability and zeal he gained the confidence of Malik 'Ambar, and became possessed of power and glory. In the time of Emperor Jahāngīr he was enlisted among the imperial servants, and received the rank of 4,000 Dbāt and horse³; he was included among the auxiliaries of the Deccan. As he was possessed of influence and skill, all the governors of Deccan honoured and respected him. Whenever the victorious (imperial) armies came to the Bālāghāt in the Deccan, they relied on his local

<sup>1</sup> See Muntakhab-ut-Tawārīkh, translation, III, Sir Wolsely Haig's note 5 on page 287.

<sup>2</sup> Jarrett's translation of A'in, II, pp. 235, 237.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 182. In Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 398, 399, his name is wrongly given as Uda Ram, and his rank as 3,000 with 1,000 horse. In Beni Prasad's History of Jahangir he is Uday Ram.

knowledge of the territory which proved very helpful in the campaigns, and he honestly did his best for the success of their undertakings. the 17th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign the heir-apparent Prince Shāh Jahān resolved to go to Bengāl, and came from Burhānpūr to Māhōr. As he did not get the assistance he expected from the officers of the Deccan, he sent them away, and left the superfluous paraphernalia and his elephants with Udājī Rām in the Māhōr fort. As Udājī Rām exerted himself fully in the Emperor's service, Mahābat Khān honoured him above all other officials.

In the 19th year the imperial officers with the assistance of 'Adil Shāh's forces fought a battle with Malik 'Ambar at the village of Bhaturi, 5 kos from Ahmadnagar. When Mulla Muhammad Lari the commander of Bijapur forces was killed, his forces became disarranged, and Jādū Rāi and Udājī Rām fled. By their disgrace1 the imperial army was heavily defeated. Lashkar Khān Abūl Ḥasan, Mīrzā Khān Manūchēhr, 'Aqīdat Khān the Bakhshī of the Deccan forces, his son Rashīdā and 42 Mansabdārs were made prisoners by Malik 'Ambar. Though the chief blame for the defeat was assigned to Jādū Rāī Kāntiya, yet the part played by Udājī Rām was also commented upon, and men talked about his evil planning and his flight. His reputation suffered, and the market of his solidarity became flat. When in the 3rd year Burhanpur was made glorious by the advent of Emperor Shah Jahan, and an all conquering force was deputed to extirpate Khan Jahan Lodi, Udaji Ram received a gift of Rs. 40,000, and by increase of 1,000 with 1,000 horse his rank was advanced to 5,000 with 5,000 horse2, and the water that had left its course again began to flow in the stream of his hopes. In the 6th year, 1042 A.H. (1632-33 A.D.), while he was besieging the fort of Daulatābād with Khān Khānān Mahābat Khān, an old disease from which he was suffering became virulent, and he dieda.

<sup>1</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-Jabāngīrī, p. 237. In this work his name is Aūda Rām.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 293, 296.

Op. cit., p. 510.

Though Udājī Rām was notorious for trickery and plotting, he also was famous for his ability and liberality. He never failed in charity to mankind, and in this respect was at the head of the Deccan officers. In spite of a weak body he even in his old age was addicted to venery and whoredom. He had a wife known by the name of Raī Bhagni, who after his death skilfully managed the Zamindari affairs. As she had skilled servants in her employment, the Commander-in-Chief, after the death of Udaji Ram, in accordance with the necessity of the time and to prevent her men from deserting, proposed for her son Jag Jīvan, in spite of his tender age, the rank of 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse, and got for him the title of Udājī Rām1. When he came to the years of discretion, he acquired a full acquaintance with Persian prose and poetry, and calligraphy. He also abandoned the ways of the Deccanis, and led a life like that of the officers of Upper India. He conducted himself with honour and dignity, and held Māhōr in fief. After him every one of his successors called himself Udājī Rām. A strange coincidence was that all of them were childless. The line was kept up by adoptions. Indeed Jag Jīvan is also believed to have been an adopted son. When after him succession came to Wankat Rão, that position, rank, and prosperity did not abide. He subsisted on his fees as a Deshmukb2. After him there were his adopted sons, Mādhū Rāo and Shankar Rāo. They held small offices, and divided between them the estates of Māhōr and Bāsim3. Gradually as they grew old, and the officers became oppressive, they lost even the position of the Deshmukhs. If now and then a gumashta gets possession of a place, nothing reverts to them. During the time of writing the elder of them died after losing his Mansab and Jagir. The other is in possession of the Basim Pargana, and levies fees.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 510.

<sup>2</sup> See Wilson's Glossary, p. 132, for the duties of and fees levied by Deshmukhs.

<sup>3</sup> Jarrett's translation of A'in, II, p. 230.

### **ÜLUGH KHAN ABYSSINIAN**

(Vol. I, p, 87).

He was a slave of Sultan Muhammad of Gujarat. He rose to a position of trust during his reign and was made a Sardar. In the 17th year of the reign when Emperor Akbar went to Ahmadabad, Ulugh Khān¹ with his followers, and Saiyid Hāmid Bukhārī came before all other officers, and did homage. In the 18th year he was rewarded with a suitable rank2. In the 22nd year he was deputed with Sadiq Khān to chastise<sup>5</sup> Rāja Madhukar Bundēla, the Zamīndār of Orcha, and on the day of battle distinguished himself by his valour. In the 24th year, when Raja Todar Mal and others were appointed to quell 'Arab -who later was styled Niyabat Khan-who was stirring up strife in Bihar, Olugh Khan along with Sadiq Khan was deputed as an auxiliary of the said Raja. He with the said Khan took part in various engagements, and in the battle in which Khabīta4 the rebel was killed he was in command<sup>5</sup> of the left wing. He was a long time attached to the province of Bengal, and remained there till his His sons received fiefs, and spent their lives in that province.

### UZBEG KHAN NADHAR BAHADUR

(Vol. I, pp. 195-198).

Yūlam<sup>6</sup> Bahādur Ūzbeg was his elder brother. At first both the brothers were in the service of 'Abdullāh Khān Fīrūz Jang,' and were

- 1 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 6, translation, III, p. 9.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, p. 142, translation, p. 201.
- 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 210, translation, p. 295. Ondcha of the text should be Orcha.
- 4 It is Chita in the text, but following Akbarnama Khabita has been adopted.
  - 5 See Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 387, translation, III, p. 574.
  - 6 From Yal a Turkish word meaning a hero.
- 7 For his account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II. pp. 777-789, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 97-105.

very prosperous. They were enlisted in the service of Shah Jahan while he was at Junair. When the Saturn-like throne of Hindustan was embellished by this unique jewel (i.e. Shah Jahan ascended the throne), these two brothers received royal favours, and each of them received a suitable Mansab. At the time of Mahābat Khān Khān Khānān's appointment by the Emperor as the Governor of the Deccan, they also were seconded for service with him. The Emperor personally directed Mahābat Khān to take care of them, and arranged out of regard for their feelings and to enable them to keep up their position that they be provided with sufficient income from properly developed assignments. Yūlam Bēg died a natural death. Nadhar Beg was exalted with the title of Uzbeg Khan, and in the 14th year at the recommendation of Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahadur was raised to the rank of 2,000 with 2,000 horse by an increase of 1,000 with 1,000 horse. He was also appointed Commandant of the Ausa fort in succession to Mubarak Khan Niyazi. In the 22nd year he received the gift of a drum. After spending a long time as the Commandant of the said fort he returned to the Court, and was appointed to the Suba Ahmadabad Gujarat. In the 30th year corresponding to 1066 A.H. (1656 A.D.) the morning of his life changed to evening, and he went to everlasting sleep, i.e. died. He was fond of society and pleasure. He used to quaff fragrant wine, and was devoted to music. In addition to keeping his soldiers in good trim he was lavish, and extravagant. Till the end of his life he saved nothing out of the produce of his fief. He always said that if after his death he was found to have any property besides two suits of clothes, he would be a sinner. When Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb unfurled the standards of his design for taking possession of the Kingdom, he in his camp some half a kos from Burhanpur gratified many by the gifts of Mansabs and titles. Tatar Bag2 the son of Uzbeg

<sup>1</sup>  $B\bar{a}dsh\bar{a}hn\bar{a}ma$ , II, p. 221. His name, however, is given there as Nazar Bēg Ūzbeg  $\underline{K}h\bar{a}n$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Alamgirnāma, pp. 52, 53. The grant of the title is curiously enough mentioned on both the pages.

Khān was also favoured by an increase of his allowance and the conferment of his father's title on him. He accompanied the royal stirrups in all the battles. When the garden of the realm and religion was freed from the thorns and rubbish of the opponents of sovereignty Tatar Beg was appointed to the Deccan, and was with Shaista Khan Amīr-ul-Umarā, Governor of that province, at the siege of the fort of Chākna (Chakan), which was in the possession of Sivājī Bhonsle. He did good service on this occasion. When in the 3rd1 year this strong fort was conquerred as a result of the strong attacks, and the good fortune of the Emperor, its charge was assigned to Tatar Beg. Later he went to Kokan (Konkan) which is the abode of the Marathas. He had repeated conflicts with those robbers, and won an honourable name by sacrificing his life. His brother Muhammad Wali received the hereditary title, and was for a time the Bakhshi of the forces of Muhammad A'zam Shāh, and later was promoted to the post of Commandant of Fathābād Dhārwar, and A'zamnagar Bankāpūr. When he died, his son Abul Ma'ālī received his father's title, and was for a time Faujdar of Bir, and later was in charge of the fort of Dharwar. When Asaf Jah first arrived in the Deccan, his affairs were in a very critical condition. He died without these being improved. At present no one is left to uphold this family.

# (MIR) WAIS <u>GHILZI</u> (Vol. III, pp. 701-706).

The Ghilzīs are an Afghān tribe who inhabit the territory round Zamīn Dāwar. In the reign of Sultān Shāh Ḥusain Ṣafavī, when Gurgīn Khān the ruler of Georgia (Gurjistān) was the Bēglar-

I This was in the 4th and not the 3rd year, see \*Alamgirnāma, p. 588. The charge, according to the work cited, of the fort of Chākna (it is Chakan in Grant Duff, Kincaid & Parasnis, and Sir Jadunath Sarkar) 18 miles north of Pōōna, was assigned to Uzbeg Khān.

Bēgī (prince of princes or chief) of Qandahār, he and his Georgian companions oppressed the Afghans. Wir Wais, who was the leader of his tribe, hastened to the Shah's court and complained against their oppression. The disposition of the Shah was mild and pacific, and he did nothing except to associate with the learned day and night. He abstained from inflicting punishment—which is essential for government—and would not make over a murderer to a complainant, but would pay the compensation money from his own treasury. Consequently with the disappearance of fear slackness ruled in his government, and no one obeyed the royal orders, still less did they behave justly to one another. Mir Wais on seeing this state of affairs took the road to holy Mecca, the rallying place of the pious, and after his return to his native country he waited for an opportunity. In 1120 A.H. (1708 A.D.) when Gurgin Khan had gone to a place called Dahsanj outside of Qandahar to chastise the Kakars, he fell upon him, and taking him a prisoner put him to death. He established himself in Qandahar, and sent a petition with a golden key to Emperor Bahadur Shah, and begged for his support. The Emperor-who wished to remain on friendly terms with the Shah of Iran, and remove the cloud that had arisen between Emperor Aurangzīb and Shāh 'Abbās II owing to the lack of skill on the part of Tarbīyat Khān, the ambassador from India2—had recourse to diplomacy. He conferred on Mir Wais the rank of 5,000, the title of Padshah Nawaz Khan, and sent him a letters-patent for the Gover-

The reason for including this account of Mir Wais and his successors among the biographies of the officers of the Timurid Sovereigns of India is not clear. None of them held any office from any of the Indian Mughal Emperors, nor did they owe any allegiance to them. The account is based mainly on Tārīkh Jahān-Gushā-i-Nādirī (As. Soc. text edition, 1845), pp. 8-87. An interesting book on Mīr Wais was published in London entitled "The Persian Cromwell" in 1742. According to this work he was the son of Amir Muhammad Bāqir and was born in 1687.

<sup>2</sup> See Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 495, 596. The ambassador's name was Tarbīyat Khān Barlās. Also see Muntakhab-ul-Lubbāb, II, p. 325.

norship of Qandahār. He also sent a message through traders to Sultān Ḥusain to the effect that the Afghāns, who had become disloyal should have quick retribution inflicted on them. He should rest assured about the latter not assisting the Afghāns. The Shāh deputed Sultān Kaikhusru Khān, the brother's son of Gurgīn Khān, with a force to Qandahār. He came and besieged it, but as a result of mismanagement was killed. Later Muḥammad Zamān Khān Shāmlū Qūrchī Bāshī was appointed to the task. It so happened that before reaching there he died on the way.

Mīr Wais was the sole arbiter of the affairs of Qandahār for eight years, and then died. After him his brother 'Abdul 'Azīz succeeded him as the ruler. After a year Maḥmūd the son of Mīr Wais intrigued with some of his people, killing 'Abdul 'Azīz and himself became the ruler. When the power of the Abdālīs, who are an Afghān tribe, became supreme in Herāt, 'Abdullāh Khān Abdālī and his son Asad Ullāh—who, out of suspicion, had for some time been imprisoned in Herāt by 'Abbās Qulī Khān Shāmlū, the Governor of the place—escaped from imprisonment; and having collected a force first took possession of the fort of Isfarār. In the year 1129 A.H. (1717 A.D.) they took Herāt. Asad Ullāh attaeked the fort of Farāh—which was in the possession of Ghilzīs—while they were off their guard, and took it. After a time Maḥmūd Ghilzī hurried to reconquer Farāh, and a battle took place between Farāh and Zamīn Dāwar in which Asad Ullāh was killed.

### Hemistich

The dog of the King of Iran tore off the lion (Asad ra sag Shah Iran darid, 1132 A.H., 1720 A.D.)

is the chronogram of the event. As the fort was strong, he was contented with killing Asad <u>Khān</u>, and returned to Qandahār. Thinking that he had performed a glorious service, he reported about it to Shāh Sulṭān Ḥusain. He further requested that the royal army might march (from Iṣpahān) to <u>Khūrāsān</u>, and that he also would march towards Heāt. The ministers regarded his proposal as sincere, and designated Maḥ-

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mud as Sufi of the clean heart (Sufi safi damir) and gave him the title of Husain Qulī Khān. The government of Qandahār was conferred on him, and they sent him a robe of honour, and a sword. Mahmud on the pretext of chastising the Abdalis of Herat reached Sistan, and from there went to Kirman, and spent nine months in subdoing that country. Later, on hearing of the disturbance of Bijan Sultan Lakzai-an inhabitant of Farah, whom he had left as his deputy in Qandahar, and who finding an open field had in collusion with some persons killed the Afghans inside Farah, and had in turn been killed by the outside Afghans-he returned to Qandahar. Next year he proceeded against Kirman, and killed many and took much plunder. The garrison of the fort being helpless paid a tribute, and left the disposal of the fort to be decided with the issue of Ispahān. Mahmūd Ghilzī being encouraged started for Ispahan, and at four leagues from it he had an engagement with the royal forces, and defeated them. He took possession of all the artillery and the army equipment. Then arriving opposite Ispahan he besieged it in 1134 A.H. (1722 A.D.). He reduced the inhabitants of the place to such a state that they were forced to eat carrion. The ministers, therefore, decided to surrender the city, and on 11th Muharram, 1135 A.H. (11th October, 1722 A.D.) they produced the Shah before him, and placed on his head Khusrau's crown. Mahmud immediately appointed men to take charge of the treasures and magazines, and after entering the city had the Khutha recited and coins struck in his own name. He put to death several of the leading officials and all the sons and grandsons of the Safavī family. He also took possession of Shīrāz, and for nearly two years ruled in Ispahan etc. After that he became mad, and paralytic, and could not attend to anything, On 12th Sha'ban 1137 A.H. (15th April, 1725 A.D.) Ashraf, the son of his uncle, came out of retirement, and putting Mahmud to death assumed the sovereignty. He conquered Kirman, Yezd, Banaward, Qum, Qazwin and Tehran up to Pülkarbī, which forms the boundary between Iran and Khurā-In the 3rd year of his reign an ambassador came from Turkey with harsh messages on behalf of the Sultan, and made a demand that he should quit the sovereignty. He replied by the tongue of the sword, and cutting off the head of Shāh Sulṭān Ḥusain, who was in Iṣpahān, sent it to the ambassador. Consequently the Turkish armies marched against him, but were defeated in battle and had to make peace. Later, he thrice¹ fought with Nādir Shāh, but was defeated every time. At last he went towards Shīrāz, but being unable to gain a footing he came near Qandahār. But he could not go there on account of his having killed Maḥmūd, and so proceeded towards Balūchistān. Ḥusain the brother of Maḥmūd Ghilzī on hearing about it sent his slave Ibrāhīm with a force against him. Ibrāhīm came up with him, and Ashraf was killed by a bullet of Ibrāhīm's gun in 1242 A.H. (1729-30 A.D.). Ḥusain was for a time in Qandahār. At last the fort came into Nādir Shāh's possession.

## (MĪRZĀ) WĀLĪ (Vol. III, pp. 456-460).

He was the son of Khwāja Ḥasan Nashqbandī, who having settled down in Kābul for a long time was spending his days there. When Mīrzā Sulaimān, the ruler of Badakhshān, freed the yet young Mīrzā Ḥakīm, the ruler of Kābul from the oppression of Shāh Abūl Maʿālī, and awarded him the due punishment for his deeds; he gave his daughter in marriage to the young Mīrzā, and made over many of the Kābul lands to Badakhshān. Under the guise of friendship he acted the part of an enemy, and was aiming at taking possession of Kābul². After Mīrzā Sulaimān returned to Badakhshān, a number of people of whom Khwāja Ḥasan and Bāqī Qāqshāl were the leaders, impressed the true state of affairs on the Mīrzā, and set about expelling the Badakhshīs. Mīrzā Sulaimān on heating of this development returned to Kābul. Mīrzā leaving the fort in the charge of Bāqī Qāqshāl retired towards Pēshāwar, and after crossing the Indus river, begged

<sup>1</sup> See Fraser, History of Nadir Shah, pp. 95-192.

<sup>2</sup> Based on Akbarnāma. Text, II, pp. 205-207, Beveridge's translation, II, pp. 318-322.

for help from Emperor Akbar. The officers of the Atka Khail and the fief-holders of the Panjab in accordance with the royal orders accompanied him, and replaced him on the Masnad, and in accordance with the hint from Emperor Akbar Mir Muhammad Khan Atka undertook the management of the affairs of Kābul. Mīrzā Muhammad Hakim gave his sister Najib-un-Nisa Begam-whom his mother had previously given in marriage to Shah Abul Ma'ali-to Khwaja Hasan without taking permission from Emperor Akbar or consulting Mir Muhammad Khān. The Khwāja, having contracted so great an alliance, became haughty, and proceeded to manage the Mīrzā's affairs, and did things which were highly improper. He paid no regard whatsoever to Mir Muhammad Khan. The said Khan being too proud to endure such indignity returned to Lāhore<sup>1</sup>. The Khwāja finding himself established as the chief minister set about cultivating his own interests (lit. opened out the shop of his own glorification), and behaved with harshness and strictly scrutinized the details. The wits of the time composed the following verse: ---

#### Verse

If our master was Khwāja Ḥasan² We should have neither sack nor rope.

When Mīrzā Sulaimān became assured that none of the royal officers was in Kābul, he in the 11th year of the Divine Era corresponding to 973 A.H. (1565-66 A.D.) led an army to Kābul to redress his past failures. The Mīrzā left the city to his foster brother Ma'ṣūm Kōka, and himself went with Khwāja Ḥasan to Ghōrband. As Mīrzā Sulaimān could not reduce Kābul by force, he sent his wife Walī Ni'mat Bēgam to Qāra Bāgh which is twelve kos from Kābul, and proposed a false peace. The Mīrzā was deceived by the clever tactics

1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 237-242, translation, pp. 359-365.

<sup>2</sup> Taken from Muntakhab-ut-Tawārikh, Text, II, p. 72. Lowe's translation, II, p. 72.

of the Bēgam, and agreed to an interview. Mīrzā Sulaimān, on receiving a hint from his wife, had made a rapid march to Kābul and was waiting for the opportunity. Mīrzā Ḥakim becoming aware of their intentions fled. When he reached the pass of the Hindūkush, Khwāja Ḥasan wanted to take the Mīrzā to Pīr Muḥammad Khān of Balkh, and ask his assistance. Bāqī Qāqshāl would not permit this, and the Mīrzā, therefore, started for Jalālābād with the intention of asking assistance from Emperor Akbar. Khwāja Ḥasan with a party of his followers separated from them and hastened towards Balkh¹. In Mirāt-ul-'Ālam it is recorded that he died there².

#### Verse

Heart gone, life lost, faith disappeared; O Hasan! worse than this what shall I have to hear!

It is not clear as to what is the intention and meaning of this verse, for the Khwāja after this catastrophe was for a long time minister, as is mentioned in the Akbarnāma and Tabaqāt-i-Akbarī.

The Mīrzā at the instigation and persuasion of the Bengāl rebels came to Lāhōre for stirring up strife, but returned to Kābul on hearing the news of Emperor Akbar's march against him<sup>3</sup>. The Emperor in the year 990 A.H. (1582 A.D.) in the 26th year of his reign with the intention of pursuing him crossed the Indus. In reply to Mīrzā's excuses he wrote that if his representations were true, and if out of shame he could not make up his mind to wait on him, he should send one of his sons along with his sister. Should his heart not agree to this also, he should send Khwāja Ḥasan with some of the leading

1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 273-275, translation, pp. 407-409.

3 Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 345, 346, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 507, 508.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently the statement in Mirāt-ul-'Alam was based on Muntakhabut-Tawārīkh. It is not stated in either Akbarnāma or Ṭabāqat-i-Akbarī that Khwāja Ḥasan was a minister for a long time after the catastrophe, The verse is from Muntakhab-ut-Tawarīkh, Text, II, p. 89, Lowe's translation, II, p. 91,

nobles to arrange treaties and take oaths1. Although the Mīrzā tried hard that his sister should go to the Presence and apologize, the Khwaja would not agree, and taking his wife with him left for Badakhshān2. And probably he died about this time. The Khwaja had two sons from his chaste wife. One was Mīrzā Badī'-uz-Zamān, who was possessed of ability and energy. When an unknown person gave himself out as Humāyūn, son of Mīrzā Sulaimān, and raised a rebellion in the hills of Badakhshan, Badi'-uz-Zaman in the 46th Divine Year went off with a few men from Hisar Shadman, and in a fight with that miscreant defeated him. Badī'-uz-Zamān made the pulpit and gold and silver glorious by the name of Emperor Akbar, and sent a report to this effect. He was gratified by favours at the hands of the Emperor3. The other was Mīrzā Wālī who migrated to India and was graciously received4. Emperor Jahangir gave him in marriage Bulaqi Begam the daughter of Prince Daniyal, and in his reign he attained the rank of 1,500 with 750 horse6. At the accession of Shah Jahan he had an increase of 500 with 250 horse, and so his rank was advanced to 2,000? with 1,000 horse. At last he was

1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 352, 353, translation, pp. 517, 518.

2 Op. cit., Text, p, 359, translation, pp. 517, 518.

3 Op. cit., Text, p. 792, translation, p. 1187. See also text, pp. 813, 814, translation, p. 1221. He was killed by Bāqī Khān in the 47th year, see translation, p. 1225, note 4.

4 The year and date of his arrival are not mentioned in Akbarnāma, but on p. 817 of the text and p. 1225 of the translation it is mentioned that Pāyinda Khān the brother Bulāqī Khān was handed over to him, and that he out of vengeance for his brother Badi<sup>c</sup>-uz-Zamān murdered the innocent man.

5 It was not Emperor Akbar as stated in the text, but Jahangir who, in the 14th year of his reign, gave to him in marriage Bulaqi Begam, the daughter of Prince Daniyal, see Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri (Rogers & Beveridge's translation, II, p. 91).

6 This is also incorrect, as he was promoted to the rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse in the 14th year of the reign of Jahangir, vide Rogers & Beveridge,

op. cit., p. 94.

7 He was granted an increase of 500 with 250 horse in the first year of

Faujdār of the Sarkār of Māndū. He died in the 22nd year, 1058 A.H. (1648 A.D.). He held the Pargana of Anhal¹ in Ujjain as his residential fief. He did not rise in life as his relationship would have warranted. He was of a mean disposition. A separate account has been given of his son Mīrzā Abūl Ma¹ālī Mīrzā Khān².

# WAZĪR JAMĪL (Vol. III, pp. 928, 929).

He was one of the *Manṣabdārs* of Emperor Akbar³. He had attained the rank of 700, and was admitted to the Presence both on journey and at headquarters. After the death of 'Alī Qulī Khān Khān Zamān, he was granted a fief in the eastern districts, and in the 19th year was deputed⁴ to the Bengāl campaign with Khān Khānān Mun'im Bēg; he did good service in that province. Suddenly the juggling heavens raised a storm of disturbance, and clouds of discord rose up between Muzaffar Khān, the Governor of the province and the Qāqshāls. As instability was part of Wazīr Jamīl's nature, he in the 25th year ignoring what was due to the master, who had nurtured him, joined the rebels⁵, and spent some time in creating disturbances. In the 28th year the Qāqshāls separated from Ma'ṣūm Khān Kābulī, and submitted. Ma'ṣūm Khān started to plunder the territory of the Qāqshāls. Khān Ā'zam Kōka the Governor of the province thereupon

Shāh Jahān's reign, vide Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 187, but his rank at the end of 10th year is given as 2,000 with 1,000 horse, Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. 2, p. 302.

- 1 See Jarrett's translation of  $\overline{A}$ 'in, II, p. 198.
- 2 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 557-560, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 136, 137.
- 3 See Blochmann A'în, I (2nd edn.), pp. 527, 528 where it is stated that his correct name was Wazîr Bêg Jamīl.
  - 4 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 104, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 145.
- 5 Op. cit., Text, p. 291, translation, p. 419. He was styled Khān Zamān, and appointed to the office Tūzuk-Bēgi by the rebels, text, p. 304, translation, p. 449.

sent Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān with a force to help the Qāqshāls. Wazīr Jamīl came to Tarsūn Muḥammad¹ Khān. In the 29th year he arrived at the Court², and was again admitted into service. From this time up to his death he rendered faithful service.

# WAZĪR <u>KH</u>ĀN ḤAKĪM 'ALĪM-UD-DĪN (Vol. III, pp. 933-936).

His native town was Chiniot3 in the Panjab. He was a skilled physician. While at the height of his youth he obtained service under Prince Shah Jahan, and because of his skill in medicine and tactful understanding of the moods of his master, the Prince very graciously appointed him Superintendent of his Camp Court. He distinguished himself by his skill and honesty in deciding disputes, and gained a place for himself in the Prince's estimation. In the campaign against the Rānā, when he was the Dīvān-i-Buyūtāt, he performed valuable services and was promoted to a high rank. During the days of commotion of affairs (the quarrel between Shah Jahan and his father) he was attached to the stirrups. He never asked for anything, on the contrary he spent ten to twelve lacs of rupees, which he had saved up to this time, in necessary expenses for the Prince. When the Prince was at Junair, Wazīr Khān was appointed to the high office of the Dīvān, and at that time no one except Mahābat Khān had a higher office among the followers of the Prince.

On the day of accession of Emperor Shāh Jahān to the throne of Caliphate and government he was exalted by appointment to the rank of 5,000 foot with 3,000 horse; a flag, a drum, and a lac of rupees in cash were also granted to him<sup>4</sup>. In the 5th year, when Fath Khān of Daulatābād in spite of his professions of obedience delayed to pay the tribute, the Emperor by granting Wazīr Khān an increase in the

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 401, translation, p. 593.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 431, translation, p. 645.

<sup>3</sup> In the Shahpur District, Punjab.

<sup>4</sup> Bādsbābnāma, I, pt. i, p. 117.

number of horse raised his rank to 5,000 foot with 5,000 horse, and sent him from Burhanpur with a force of 10,000 brave cavalrymen1. He was to take the fort of Daulatabad, and to rouse Fath Khan from his imprudent sleep to a sense of duty. On receiving this news Fath Khan lost heart, and sent his eldest son to the Court with the tribute. Consequently Wazīr Khān in accordance with orders returned to the Court. As he had collected a large force for the Deccan campaign, he was favoured more than hitherto, and, in the year of his return from Burhanpur he was appointed Governor2 of the Panjab. This province was in the fief of Yamin-ud-Daula, and the Crown lands there, which were of greater value than in the other provinces, and which were managed by this official's deputy ('Inayat Ullah Khan), this charge also was assigned to Wazīr Khān who was an experienced loyal officer. He held charge of the provice for more than 7 years, and during this period on the occasions of the Emperor's visits he presented suitable tributes. In the 14th year he was appointed Governor of Akbarābād³ (Āgra), but held the appointment for barely ten months. In the year 1050 A.H. (1640-41 A.D.) he died4 of colic.

It is stated that one day he was entering the fort from outside the city. When he reached the Hatiāpūl<sup>5</sup> gate, his horse stumbled and fell. His condition became critical. In this condition he detailed his movable and immovable properties, without elimination or suppression, in a list, and sent it to the Emperor. He left many memorials of his beneficience. In Lāhōre he built baths, markets and other buildings.

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 410. 2 Op. cit., p. 425.

<sup>3</sup> He was removed from the Panjāb in 1649-50 A.D. in the end of the 12th year for some improper actions, Bādsbābnāma, II, p. 158, and was appointed Governor of Agra in the 14th year, 1650-51 A.D., vide op. cit., p. 215.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 241.

<sup>5</sup> Spelt as Hatyā Paul and shown in sketch plan of the fort on p. 167 of Nur Husain's article on The Agra Fort and its Buildings in Annual Report Arch. Surv. Ind. for 1903-4 (Calcutta, 1906). It was an entrance which led up a paved ascent from Dehli Gate, and was so named because of "two stone elephants with their riders stood on the two sides of it." It was built in 1565 A.D.

His Jāma' Masjid (mosque) will keep his name in remembrance for ages. He founded Wazīrābād near Lāhōre. He built a brick fort in Chiniot, and other substantial buildings, and handed the latter over to the inhabitants. He also made roads and streets, shops, mosques, rest-houses, a school, a hospital, and wells there for the public, and freed the tradesmen from all difficulties in the way of buying or selling. He adorned his native place in a way which no other Amir in Hindustan had been able to do. But he never saw his home again; this desire always remained ungratified. It is stated that he was a quiet man, and of an even disposition. All his life he lived simply and without ostentation. His expenses for the household and dress were As in Lahore everything that was bought or sold very moderate. appertained to his establishments (Sarkar), he accumulated much wealth. But the pity is that he was neither kind nor liberal. He was easily offended, but the anger soon subsided. In his loyalty and devotion he regarded the service of the Emperor as akin to religious worship. His son was Salah Khan, who for long was Mir Tuzuk in the reign of Emperor Aurangzib. In the 29th year he received the title of Anwar Khān² and was appointed Superintendent of the Pages. He died in the 36th3 year.

1 The mosque was completed in 1044 A.H. (1634 A.D.). For a detailed description of this beautiful mosque see G. C. Walker, Gazetteer Lahore District, pp. 291, 292 (Lahore, 1894). The chronograms of completion of the mosque inscribed on its walls are Banī Masjid Wazīr Khān and Sajda gāh-i-ahl-Faḍl. See also Percy Brown, Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 561.

It appears as if the above biography of Wazīr Khān is partly based on what Samṣām-ud-Daula had heard in Lāhōre during his early youth. He was born at Lāhōre on 29th Ramadān 111 A.H. (20th March. 1700) see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 17, 18.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgīri, p. 271. His name there is Sālah Khān instead of Salāh Khān.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 352.

## WAZĪR KHĀN HARAVĪ

(Vol. III, pp. 929-932).

He was the brother of Aşaf Khan 'Abdul Majid' in whose account the slow-moving pen has detailed an account of the affair that when the two brothers escaping from Khan Zaman and Bahadur Khan Shaibānī came to Karrā Mānikpūr, Wazīr Khān hastened to Āgra. While Emperor Akbar was in the Panjab, and Muzaffar Khan according to orders was carrying on as the Divan, Wazir Khan at Delhi joined Muzaffar Khan took him to the Emperor on receiving the good news that he would be forgiven. When he reached the Presence, he prayed for forgiveness for the offences of the two brothers. The Emperor forgave their misbehaviour, and Wazīr Khān once again received favours, and an order of forgiveness was also issued for Asaf When Mīrzā Kōka Governor of Gujarāt was censured in the 21st year, though the governorship nominally remained with Mīrzā Khan, the real authority for the management of that territory was transferred to Wazīr2 Khān. Later, when Mīrzā Khān was summoned to the Court, Wazīr Khān was also appointed Commander of the Army (Sipāb Sālār). When in the 22nd year it became apparent that owing to Wazir Khān's carelessness Gujarāt was in confusion, Rāja Todar Mal-who was unique for skill and bravery-was deputed to By chance in the same year Mihr 'Alī Kolābī, who was a servant of Ibrāhīm Husain the rebel, brought Ibrāhīm's young son from the Deccan and set up a commotion. Although Wazīr Khān did not have the courage to fight, but through the bravery and courage of the Raja the rebels were dispersed4, as has been detailed in the latter's account5. After the Raja returned to the Court, Mihr 'Alī

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 77-83, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 3640.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 166, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 236.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 198, translation, p. 280.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 207, translation, pp. 292, 293.

<sup>5</sup> Maāthīr-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 124,125, translation, antea, pp. 952, 953.

renewed the disturbance. Wazīr Khān started from Ahmadābād to fight, but most of his men deserted him and joined the enemy. Consequently he was obliged to return to the city and shut himself up Mihr 'Alī the miscreant becoming emboldened started to besiege him. One day by conspiracy with the inhabitants of the city he had placed rope ladders and was about to scale into the city, when a lucky shot hit him and he was killed. Muzaffar Husain Mīrzā, who was inexperienced lost heart and retired. As, however, Wazīr Khān could not properly manage the affairs of Gujarāt, and in addition to disturbances injustice also became rampant there, he was suspended2, and returned to the Court. In the 25th year he was3 appointed Vazīr in place of Shāh Mansūr of Shīrāz, and about the same time he was made Governor of Oudh4. In the 28th year when Khan A'zam was deputed to put down the sinner Ma'sum Khan, and to release Bengal from the hands of the dominant rebels, Wazīr Khan also was sent with him as an auxiliary. When Mīrzā Kōka after Ma'sum Khan's defeat returned to Bihar owing to the unhealthy climate, the command of the royal forces was assigned to Wazīr Khān till the arrival of the new Governor from the Court. He out of his zeal proceeded with an army against Qutlū Khān Löhānī-who had established himself in Orissa-and drove him away from there. Consequently Qutlū Khān sent a tribute in the 29th year, and agreed to submit and be loyal. Wazīr Khān left Orīssa to him and returned to Tanda<sup>5</sup>. He co-operated whole heartedly with Sadiq Khan and Shahbaz Khan Kanbu in maintaining order in that territory.

In the 31st year when each province was put in charge of two experienced officers so that if one of them became ill the other would be able to look after his duties, the charge of Bengal was assigned to

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 214, translation, III, pp. 301, 302.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 217, translation, p. 306.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 316, translation, p. 462.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit.. Text, p. 328, translation, p. 480.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p, 436. translation, p. 654.

Wazīr Khān' and Muhibb 'Alī Khān. In the 32nd year, 995 A.H. (1587 A.D.) he died of dysentery2. He was an officer of the rank of 4,000. After his death Shahbaz Khan, who was the Bakhshi of the forces of the area in those days, made over his men to his son Muhammad Sālih. He did not realize that in matters of leadership and generalship, relationship and the services of ancestors are of little avail; they cannot be accepted in place of discretion, capacity, loyalty and knowledge. In a short time that wicked person through his association with evil sycophants, and hankering for power imbibed evil thoughts. During this time Mīr Murād was appointed by the Emperor to bring Wazīr Khān's forces and his son to the Court. Muhammad Salih on the way behaved with violence, and Mir Muhammad was forced to take shelter in Fathpur Hanswa, till the fief-holders round about collected and imprisoned Muhammad Sālih.3 When he arrived at the Court, the Emperor put him into prison for a time.

# WAZĪR KHĀN MUHAMMAD ŢĀHIR KHURĀSĀNĪ (Vol. III, pp. 936-940).

He came from the sacred soil of the holy Mashhad; May the peace of God be on its inhabitants! He was the most trusted and the leader of the loyal companions of Emperor Aurangzīb while he was a prince and was for a long time his Dīvān. He rendered good service and made excellent arrangements for campaigns, In the 10th year of the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan, Aurangzib after his marriage took leave of his worthy father to return to the government of the Deccan and set about the conquest of Baglana lying between Gujarat and the Deccan and known as the Sair Hasali-which had been granted to

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 511, translation, p. 779.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 525, translation, p. 801. See also Stewart, History of Bengal, p. 179, where his death at Tanda is recorded.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 534, 535, translation, pp. 813, 814.

him as his fief (altamgbā). The Prince on arrival in that area appointed Muḥammad Ṭāhir and Mālūjī Deccanī for the conquest of the country. The aforesaid officer (Muḥammad Ṭāhir) skilfully and valiantly attacked with three forces the Bārī or the lower fort of Mulhair—which was the capital and residence of Bahrjī, the ruler—from three sides, and occupied it. The ruler becoming afraid took refuge in the upper fort which is on the top of a hill. Thereupon the brave leader arranged to cut off supplies of corn, and arranging battaries made determined attacks. The Zamīndār was overcome, and becoming afraid came to terms in the 11th year. The settlement of the conquered territory and the command of the fort of Mulhair—which is the capital of that territory—were entrusted to Muḥammad Ṭāhir¹. When in the year 1062 A.H. (1652 A.D.) the government of the Deccan² was assigned to the Prince for the second time, Muḥammad Ṭāhir was appointed his deputy for the province of Khāndēsh.

When on 25th Jummāda II, 1068 A.H. (20th March, 1658 AD.) the victorious standards left Burhānpūr for exterminating Dārā Shikōh, Aurangzīb out of consideration for his past services, close associations and great regard appointed Muḥammad Ṭāhir, as before, the Governor of Khāndēsh, and exalted him by the grant of a standard, a drum and the title of Wazīr Khān.<sup>3</sup> After his successful campaigns when

I Adapted from Bādshāhnāma, II, pp. 105-108. The conquest of Mulhair, which is situated on the river Mosam 20.46 N. 74. 7 E., took place in 1047 A.H. (1638 A.D.). In the text s. l. Bārah is a misprint for J. Bārī in Bādshāhnāma; this is the lower fort known as Pettab or further South, see Wilson's Glossary, p. 415 and Sir Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, I, p. 45. According to the latter author the name of the chief was Bairam Shah and not Bahrii.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 149, but the exact date is not mentioned. It was in the month of Sha'bān, and Sir Jadunath Sarkar gives 17th July (Old Style) or 28th July, 1652 (New Style), op. cit., p. 151.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnām'a, pp. 50, 51. There is no mention of the grant of a standard and a drum, but the grant of the title of Wazīr Khān, a robe of honour and an elephant are noted.

the throne of the Indian Empire was adorned by Aurangzīb's accession, the province of Khandesh was assigned to Mu'azzam Khan Mir Jumla who in view of the exigencies of circumstances of the time had been kept under surveillance in Daulatābād. The said Khān in obedience to orders hurried to Prince Muhammad Mu'azzam at Aurangābād, and later in company with the said Prince arrived at the Court. In the 3rd year he was appointed2 Governor of the province of Agra. In the 6th year when Prince Muhammad Mu'azzam was deputed as Governor of the Deccan in place of Shaista Khan Amīr-ul-Umara, the said Khān3 was deputed in attendance on the Prince from Agra. was also reappointed independently Governor of Khandesh. In the 7th year on the death of Najābat Khān he was made Governor of Mālwa,4 and was promoted to the rank of 5,000 foot with 5,000 horse, of which 2,000 were with two-horse and three-horse troopers. He spent a long time in that territory. In the 15th year 1083 A.H. (1672-73 A.D.) he died there. He laid out a garden in the centre of the town of Aurangabad, and though it is not well tended at present, it still bears his name. Mahmüdpüra outside the city, which lies between the small tank and the tomb of Islam Khan Mashhadi, was founded by his elder brother Mīrzā Mahmūd. The latter's son Muhammad<sup>6</sup> Tagī was, in the 6th year, appointed Bakbshī and recorder of Aurangābād, and in the 10th year died a natural death. He built an excellent house in the said quarter on the bank of the small tank which was a place of recreation. Prince Bidar Bakht son of Muhammad Ā'zam Shāh used to stay there. Wazīr Khān's son Mīrzā 'Abdur Rahim had a minor rank, and passed his days in this elegant house in enjoyment. He left a son, but none of the family are now left. But the building still exists. Another nephew of Wazīr Khān Rafī' Khān

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 218, 219.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 481.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 819.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 873, 880.

<sup>5</sup> Maāthir-i-ʿĀlamgīrī, p. 120. His name is wrongly printed there as Wazīr Khān and Muḥammad Tāhir.

<sup>6 &#</sup>x27;Ālamgīrnāma, p. 820.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 1057.

had Bādhil as his nom-de-plume. He was for a long time the Faujdār of Bāns Barēlī. He versified the account of the holy wars of the Prophet (May the blessings and peace of God be on him and his family!) on the style of the Shāhnāma of Firdausī under the title of Ḥamla' Ḥaidarī.¹ I examined it and found that it consists of nearly 40,000 verses.

## WAZIR KHAN MUQIM

(Vol. III, pp. 932, 933).

In the end of Emperor Akbar's reign he had the title of Wazīr Khān and a suitable rank². When the coin of the realm was illuminated by the name of Emperor Jahāngīr, he was raised to the rank of 1,500, and made³ co-Vazīr with Vazīr-ul-Mulk Jān Bēg, who was one of the Emperor's body-guard (Wālā-Shāhī). Later he was appointed Dīvān of Bengāl⁴, and deputed to that province. Ghiyāth Bēg I'timād-ud-Daula was appointed to succeed him as the Vazīr. In the 3rd year he returned⁵ in response to summons, and was attached to the Court⁶. Later, when Prince Sultān Parvīz was nominated to the Deccan campaign, he girt up his loins to accompany him. Afterwards he was always in the Prince's service. In the 11th year he was promoted to the rank of 2,000 foot with 1,000 horse. In the 12th year he was exalted with the grant of a standard, and received an increase of 500. Nothing further is known about him⁵.

<sup>1</sup> See W. Ivanow, Descr. Cat. Persian Manuscripts As. Soc. Bengal, pp. 377, 378 (1924).

<sup>2</sup> Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, p. 13. His name was Muqim.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 20. 4 Op. cit., p. 22.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 139, where it is stated that he was dismissed from his office in Bengal.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 147.

<sup>7</sup> He was again appointed Dīvān of Bengāl in the 14th year, vide Vol. Il of Tūzuk, p. 94, and died in the 15th year, op. cit., p. 167.

## YA QŪB <u>KH</u>ĀN BADA<u>KH</u>SHĪ

(Vol. III, p. 958).

At first he held the rank of 900 with 50 horse, and was deputed with Khān Khānān 'Abdur Raḥīm¹ in the Deccan. In the campaign in which Shāh Nawāz Khān² Mīrzā Īraj defeated 'Ambar the Abyssinian, and performed outstanding service, Khān Khānān had entrusted the affairs of his son to Ya'qūb Khān. As he rendered good service, his rank in the 8th year³ of Jahāngīr's reign was raised by promotion to 2,000 with 1,500 horse. Later he was appointed to Kābul. In the 1st year of Shāh Jahān's reign, when Nadhar Muḥammad Khān the ruler of Balkh came to Kābul and besieged it, and later by threatening messages tried to obtain possession of Kābul, Ya'qūb Khān was in the city. He preserved his fidelity and sent straight and rough replies⁵. He died at his appointed time.

## YĀQŪT KHĀN ABYSSINIAN

. (Vol. III, pp. 958-963).

As he was a slave of Khudāwand Khān, he was generally known as Yāqūt' Khudāwand Khān. He was noted for his bravery and

- 1 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 693-713, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 50-65.
- 2 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 645-648, translation antea pp. 765-771. Khān Khānān's entrusting of the affairs of Shāh Nawāz Khān in the Deccan to Ya'qūb Khān is mentioned on p. 646 of the text. The campaign against Malik 'Ambar is also detailed in this account.
- 3 This is incorrect. In the 8th year at the time of Shāh Nawāz Khān's deputation to the Deccan he was granted the title of Khān, and his Mansab was increased from 150 to 1,500 with 1,000 horse, see Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Jahāngīr's Memoirs I, pp. 243, 244; while in the 12th year his rank was raised to 2,000 with 1,500 horse, loc. cit., p. 372.
  - 4 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 190. 5 Op. cit., pp. 209, 210.
- 6 Khudawand Khan Deccani, Mathir-ul-Umara, Text, I, pp. 659, 660, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 816, 817.
  - 7 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 195.

rectitude, and was one of the principal Nizām Shāhī officers. After Malik 'Ambar's time no other officer had a higher rank than Yāqūt Khān. In fact during Malik 'Ambar's lifetime also leadership and arrangements in connection with the army were assigned to his charge. He several times devastated the imperial territories by his rapid incursions, and even laid siege to Burhanpur. Later Nizam Shah appointed Hamīd Khān, an Abyssinian slave, his Chief Officer, and left all financial and political affairs in his hands. This was due to the clever intrigues of Hamīd Khān's wife1, who every day used to entice other people's wives for Nizām Shāh's enjoyment. The latter was so greatly influenced by her that he was content with merely the name of power, and left the disposal of all affairs of state to that procuress. For instance, when once 'Adil Shah sent an army to the borders of Nizām Shāh's dominions, that wretched woman (zanaka), out of the excess of her audacity and bravery, begged for the command of the army, and casting off her veil mounted a horse. She hurried to meet the enemy, and having killed and captured many of the leaders of the enemy returned safe and triumphant. As she used to present large sums of money to people, things gradually came to such a pass that the leaders of the army and the chief men of the country attended her retinue on foot, and profesred their requests to her. Yaqut Khan who was a well known officer with a following, was so disgusted at this state of affairs that he left Nizām Shāh's service, and perceived that service under the Emperor would be his asylum. In the 21st year of the reign of Emperor Jahangir he came with 500 horse to Jālnapūr, and wrote to Rāo Ratan Hārā—who was guarding the Bālāghāt—that he with Fath Khān son of Malik 'Ambar and other Nizām Shāhī leaders had determined to be loyal to the Emperor, and was the leader of these officers who had agreed to take up service. Rão Ratan conciliated and encouraged him in this determination, and

The account of the influence of Hamid Khān's wife is taken almost verbatim from Iqbālnāma-i-Jabāngīrī, pp. 284, 285. See also Elliot's History, VI,, p. 433 note.

informed Khān Jahān Lodi who at that time was the Governor of the Deccan. Khān Jahān proposed and had the rank of 5,000 Dhāt and horse sanctioned for him, and also suitable ranks for his companion to the extent of 20,000 with 15,000 horse, and enrolled them amongst the imperial servants. In the beginning of his reign Emperor Shah Jahān exalted him by the grant of a flag and a drum1. As he was the head of the Deccan chiefs, he was treated with great courtesy by the imperial officers, and the governors of the Deccan did nothing without consulting him. When in the 6th year Mahābat Khān Khān Khānān besieged with a strong force the mighty fort of Daulatabad, and began to fix up batteries, and applied himself to laying up mines and making subterranean passages2 (kūcha'-i-salāmat) and other measures for reducing it. Yāqūt Khān the dotard (fartūt)—who in spite of his being in imperial service was still a well wisher of Nizām Shāh—realized that the fort was about to be taken, and that after this the Nizām Shāhī family would be completely ruined and the whole of that territory would come into the possession of the imperial officers. He, therefore, secretly supported the besieged. Though he tried to convey food, muskers3 and other articles of defence to the besieged, the vigilance of the officers in charge of the entrenchments prevented him from succeeding in his designs. As supplies of corn, which were being sent from his markets, were repeatedly seized, his evil designs became patent. This pusillanimous traitor took to flight, as is usual with slaves, and joined 'Adil Shah's forces. As the Emperor's good fortune was daily in the ascendant, this desertion, which might have proved an impediment, really became the source of defeat of the enemy. The traitor in his arrogance as a military expert passed some censures\* on the Bījāpūr officers. One day after the taking of

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<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 195.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 502, 503.

<sup>3</sup> The word in the text and Bādshāhnāma, from where the passage is taken, is tafangchi, but it should in this place be tafang or muskets.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 504. The implication appears to be that his reproaches led to their attacking active steps which resulted in their defeat.

'Ambar Kot-which means the wall (shahr-panāh) of Daulatabad-Randaulah Khan and Sahu Bhonsle were confronting Khan Zaman who was stationed at Kaghdhiwarah Ghat, when Yaqut Khān arrived with Murārī Datt the general of 'Adil Shāh and a large force. Khān Khānān sent his son Mīrzā Lahrāsp with a force, and himself started with a small body of brave men. Before he could arrive to help Lahrasp, a battle with a force of the enemy took place on the way. Those fox-like warriors took to flight, but meanwhile another band appeared from a ravine, and it was found that the traitor Yaqut was with this force. Murari had kept that force in the background and sent on the vanguard against Lahrasp in order that by its retreat he might be driven on to Yāqūt Khān's forces. The Commander-in-Chief (Mahābat Khān) saw that the only thing to do was to give battle, and in spite of the smallness of his force he in his reliance on the Divine protection unfurled the standards of courage. Drawing the sword of revenge from its scabbard he with his force attacked the enemy's centre, and being hard pressed by the brave warriors the enemy losing courage took to flight. It happened that there was a bridge on the way, and its narrowness threw their forces into confusion. The brave imperialists reached the doomed Yaqut, and though the Abyssinians bravely withstood the attack in the defence of their leader, but the undaunted gallant warriors slew most of that band, and others attacking Yāqūt Khān put an end to him by inflicting twenty seven wounds with lances and swords. The Abyssinians gathered together like ants and locusts, and tried to carry away that unfortunate symbol of infamy, but the gallant imperial warriors exerted themselves greatly to foil their attempts, and got hold of his dead body1. The death of such a leader, who was unequalled in his knowledge of military technique and arranging the forces, proved very disheartening to the leaders of the enemy's forces and the besieged, and was the prologue to the taking of the fort. His son Fakhr-ul-Mulk also was an imperial officer and had the rank of 3,000 foot with

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 508.

2,000 horse. He died a natural death in the 5th year before the desertion of his father. Hasan Khān and other sons of Fakhr-ul-Mulk after Yāqūt Khān's death took up service under 'Ādil Shāh. Ḥasan Khān's son guided by his lucky star humbly offered his submission to the august sovereign Shāh Jahān, and was enlisted in his service. In the 9th yeat he¹ was exalted by a promotion of 1,000 foot with 500 horse to the rank of 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse; and was gratified by the grant of a fief in the Deccan.

## (SĪDĪ) YĀQŪT <u>KH</u>ĀN ABYSSINIAN (Vol. II, pp. 496-499).

During the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān when the Kōkan² (Kōn-kan) Nizām Shāhī was conquered by the imperial forces, lands in the newly conquered territory pertaining to the Bījāpūr area were in exchange given to the ruler of Bījāpūr. He sent an Afghān named Fath Khān to take possession of the lands, and the latter made the fort of Dandārājpūrī—which was situated half on land and half in the sea—as his residence. In Emperor Aurangzīb's time Sivā (Sivājī) Bhōnsle, realizing the weakness of the Bījāpūrīs, stretched his arm of oppression, and first made the fort of Rājgarh (Rajgad) his residence, but later strengthened the fort of Rāhīrī (Rāirī)—which is 20 kos from Dandārājpūrī—and settled there. He also by strenuous efforts took possession of other forts in the neighbourhood. Fath Khān becoming frightened left Dandārājpūrī, and took refuge in the island fort of Janjīra³ which lies one kos off in the sea. He was even thinking of surrendering the fort, and saving his life. Sīdī Sambal, Sīdī Yāqūt and Sīdī Khairū

<sup>1</sup> His name also was Ḥasan, Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 209. The increase in rank granted to him is mentioned on the same page.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, pp. 203, 204; Khāfī Khān, II, p. 113.

<sup>3</sup> Elliot's History, VII, p. 289, Khāfi Khān, II, p. 224, states that it was a gun-shot distance, but in the Imperial Gazetteer, XIV, p. 61, it is stated that Janjira is half a mile from the mainland on the east, and a mile from the mainland on the west.

(Khairiyat), who all three were the slaves of the Afghan, becoming aware of his intention siezed him1 and put chains on his legs. They also wrote about his plans to the ruler of Bījāpūr and Khān Jahān Bahadur Governor of the Deccan. The said Bahadur sent a gracious reply, a robe of honour and Rs. 5,000 in cash, and arranged for the rank of 400 foot with 200 horse for the first, 300 with 100 horse for the second, and 200 foot with 100 horse for the third. He also assigned them a fertile fief near the port of Sūrat. They were encouraged, and set themselves to put down Siviji. Sīdī Sambal died after reaching the rank of 900. Sīdī Yāqūt, who succeeded him, exerted hard to collect boats, and addressed himself for the recapture of Dandarajpūrī. One night during the Holi when the Hindus were carelessly enjoying themselves, he on one side (the seaside) and Sīdī Khairiyat on the other scaled the wall by rope-ladders and entered the fort. Meanwhile the powder magazine of the fort caught fire and blew up together with the commandant of the fort. As Sīvājī's army had been sent to attack distant places, and he could not send any reinforcements, they were able to take possession of other forts in the neighbourhood. When a report of this occurrence was sent to Sultan Muhammad Mu'zzam, the Governor of the Deccan, he rewarded Sīdī Yāqūt and Sīdī Khairiyat by promotion in their ranks and the grant of the title of Khans. When in the 30th year3 Sīdī Khairiyat Khān died, his property was given to Sīdī Yāqūt Khān, and the salary of the soldiers of the deceased was made a charge upon him. In the 47th year, 1114 A.H. (1702-03 A.D.) he died, and Sīdī 'Ambar', whom he had nominated his successor, was confirmed in the ta'luq, and received the name of Sīdī Yāqūt. The tribe (of Abyssinians) acquired a name in that area as collectors ('Amaldars), and facilitated the passage of ships to Mecca. At the time of writing the successors of the tribe hold Dandarajpūrī, and

<sup>1</sup> Khāfî Khān, II, p. 224. It was in the 14th year of Aurangzib's reign. Also see Kincaid & Parasnis, History of the Maratta People, p. 83.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 226, Kincaid & Parasnis, op. cit., pp. 88, 89.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 483.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 515.

behave towards the Marathas on the principle of "slant the jar but do not spill.

The Khān was distinguished for his bravery and for his furthering the interests of the peasantry, and was very judicious. From morning¹ till one watch of the night, he used to sit wearing armour in the hall of audience. Then he went into the harem and spent another watch in the same fashion. After that he ungirt himself and attended to necessary things². In the end of the reign the Emperor summoned him to the Court. As formerly Sīdī Khairiyat Khān had gone to the royal Darbār, and found himself unequal of the men there in appearance and glory, and feeling small had feigned illness and got away by the exertions of Sīdī Yāqūt, the Khān (Sīdī 'Ambar) was apprehensive about going to Court. At last he got out of the difficulty by tact and by agreeing to send a tribute.

# (MIRZA) YAR ALI BEG (Vol. III, pp. 660-662).

He was an honest and a straightforward man. He was not at all given to taking bribes, and for this reason was held in high regard and greatly relied upon by Emperor Aurangzīb. At first he was an assistant (pēshdast) of Rūḥ Ullāh Khān Bakhshī, and became well known for his acuteness and severity. Later he became. Superintendent of posts and of the civil courts (kucherry), and exerted himself in serving the public. In the 30th year<sup>3</sup> he had the rank of 400 with 40 horse, and in the 31st year he was granted an increase of 15 horse<sup>4</sup>. Al-

<sup>1</sup> Khāfī Khān, II, p. 454.

<sup>2</sup> See Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 453, 454, where there is a long story about his doings. The purport appears to be that he carried out his ablutions, etc., and after saying his prayers went to sleep.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīri, p. 283, where it is stated that in the 30th year he was transferred from the post of pēshdast of Mir Bakhshi to that of the 2nd Bakhshi.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 303.

though the Emperor wanted to increase his rank he did not agree to it. In his representations he was somewhat presumptuous. It is stated that he presented a youth (ht. a smooth-faced boy) for an office. The Emperor said he was (too young). He replied that he would be Nīmtar<sup>1</sup> (more than half) by the time he received a Jāgīr; and Nīmtar in the language of the people of India means one declining in years. It is stated that one day food was sent to him from the royal kitchen. When he went to pay his respects he forgot about it. The Emperor reminded him by asking about its taste. He remembered, and made four bows (taslim) for the present of food, and again another four as the bows for forgetfulness of the prostration (sajdab). It is also stated that one day in some connection Turani evidence was given on a question of Shari'at Law. He represented that as it was Tūrānī evidence, little reliance could be placed on it. He did not remember that the Emperor also was a Tūrānī<sup>2</sup>. During the siege of Gōlkanda (Gölconda) there was a severe famine and prices rose very high. The Emperor taking his probity into consideration wished to appoint him Superintendent of provisions (rasad). Fearing approbrium he refused the appointment. As A'zam Shah disliked him, he represented that Yar 'Ali Beg had behaved insolently by refusing to carry out the Emperor's orders. The Emperor was extremely annoyed, and ordered that he should be beaten and turned out of the Divan-khana3. After Emperor Aurangzīb's death he took leave from Muhammad A'zam Shah and went to holy Mecca\*. In the 3rd year of Emperor Bahadur Shāh's reign he returned from the holy places and rejoined service. In the same year<sup>5</sup>, corresponding to 1121 A.H. (1709 A.D.) he died.

A satire on the very slowness of promotions during the reign.

2 Aurangzib considered himself to be a Tūrānian as a descendant of Timūr. The account is taken from Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 378, 379, where his appointment in the post office and civil courts are also noted.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., II, pp. 337, 338.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., II, p. 572.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., II, p. 662.

# (ḤĀJĪ) YŪSUF <u>KH</u>ĀN (Vol. I, pp. 557, 558).

At first Ḥājī Yūsuf Khān was a protege of Mīrzā Kāmrān. In the 12th year of the reign of Emperor Akbar he was appointed¹ with Qiyā Khān for assisting Mīrzā Yūsuf Khān who was shut up in Qanauj while 'Alī Qulī Khān was stirring up the dust of strife in that neighbourhood. In the 17th year after the conquest of Gujarāt he was deputed with Khān 'Ālam for chastising Ibrāhīm Ḥusain Mīrzā. When an order was sent by the Emperor recalling the force, the said officer came, and was in artendance on the victorious stirrups in the battle of Sarnāl². In the 19th year he was deputed to Bengāl as an auxiliary to Khān Khānān Mun'im Khān and did good service in the battle against Gūjar³. In the 20th year he was in Gaur, in Bengāl, which is notorious for its unhealthy climate. Khān Khānān Mun'im Khān had established his camp there. A pestilence broke out, and several of the leading officers died. He also died there¹ in 983 A.H. (1575 A.D.). His rank was 500.

# YÜSUF <u>KH</u>AN SON OF <u>H</u>USAIN <u>KH</u>AN TUKRIYA<sup>5</sup> (Vol. III, pp. 957, 958).

After his father's death he was favoured by Emperor Akbar and appointed to a suitable rank. In the 50th year he had the rank of 2,000 foot with 300 horse. After Jahangir's accession 500 horse were added to his rank. In the 5th year he was deputed with Khan

- 1 Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 290, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 426.
- 2 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 14, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 19.
- 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 125, translation, p. 177.
- 4 Op. cit., Text, p. 160, translation, p. 227.
- 5 Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 551-554, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 644, 645.
  - 6 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri, I, p. 146.
  - 7 Op. cit., p. 184.

'Āzam to the Deccan campaign. As he distinguished himself there, he was rewarded with a flag<sup>1</sup> in the 8th year. In the 12th year at the recommendation of Prince Sultān Khurram his rank was increased to 3,000 foot with 1,500 horse<sup>2</sup>; he was appointed Faujdār of Göndwāna, and presented a robe of honour and an elephant<sup>8</sup>.

### YÜSUF KHAN KASHMIRI

(Vol. III, pp. 954-957).

His father was 'Ali Khan Chak, the ruler of Kashmir. died of an injury received from the pommel of his saddle while playing polo. His people raised Yusuf Khan to the throne. He first surrounded the house of Abdal his uncle who was aiming at sovereignty. In the fight the said Abdal was struck by a musket shot and was killed. His people raised Saiyid Mubarak, and a battle took place in the compound of the 'Idgah. The leader of Yusuf Khan's van was killed in the battle, and the latter fled before reaching the place of contest. In the end of the 24th year of Emperor Akbar's reign he came to the Court, and was graciously received. As previously, two months had not elapsed when the wicked men of Kashmir killed Mubarak, and raised Löhar Chak, Yusuf Khan's cousin, to the throne. In the 25th year the latter took leave from the Court. An order was issued to the Panjab chiefs to send an army with him. On hearing this news the Kashmīrīs had recourse to fawning, and requested Yūsuf Khān to come by himself. He without informing the chiefs started for Kashmir, and without a fight got hold of Lohar Chak, and took charge of the

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 255.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 375, but 1,000 is a misprint for 3,000 on that page.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 404. He died suddenly in the 16th year of Jahāngīr's reign, see Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīri, II, p. 202. He had become very fat. He had a son 'Azīz Ullāh Khān for whose account see Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 789, 799, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 334, 335.

<sup>4</sup> Adapted from Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 279, 280, Beveridge's translation, pp. 408, 409.

government1. When Salih Diwana reported to the Emperor the story of Yūsuf Khān's constancy, the Emperor in the 27th year sent Shaikh Ya'qub Kashmiri, one of his confidential servants, with Yusuf Khan's son Haidar for comforting2 him. In the 29th year Yusuf Khan sent3 to the Court his son Ya'qub with presents of the country. When in 30th year the imperial Court was located in the Panjab, the Emperor summoned Yüsuf Khān. Ya'qūb becoming suspicious took to flight. Hakim 'Alī and Bahā'-ud-Dīn Kambū were deputed to give him good advice. If he could not come himself he was to send his foolish son4. When the ambassadors returned and reported his presumptuousness, Mīrzā Shāh Rukh was sent off with a large force to conquer the country. After the army came by the Pakhlī route and arrived near Būlyas, Yūsuf Khan saw no other course open to him except to submit. He consequently came and waited on the officers. They wanted to return taking him with them, but the Emperor did not approve of it, and peremptory orders for the conquest of the country were sent. On this the Kashmīrīs first raised Husain Khān Chak, and later Ya'qūb Khan son of Yusuf Khan to the throne, and began the fight. They were defeated. They sent a message that the ruler was proceeding to the Court, and that Dinars and Dirhams would henceforth Le coined in Emperor Akbar's name. Also that mint, saffron, silk and game would belong to the State. As the officers were troubled by the heavy falls of snow, they appointed superintendents in the abovementioned concerns5, and in the beginning of the 31st year returned to the Court with Yūsuf Khān. The latter was handed over to Rāja Todar Male. As Ya'qūb and other Kashmīrīs showed signs of acting against the terms of peace, Qasim Khan was sent off with a suitable

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 318, translation, pp. 465, 466.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 389, 390, translation, p. 576.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 450, translation, p. 676.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 469, translation, p. 707.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 480, 481, translation, pp. 722-725.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 488, translation, pp. 738, 739.

force. He by good arrangements conquered the country. He fought several battles with Ya'qūb Khān, son of Yūsuf Khān, and other Kashmīrīs, and was victorious. In the 32nd year Yūsuf Khān was released from his imprisonment, given a Jāgīr on the borders of Bihār¹, and appointed to the Ṣūba of Bengāl. Up to the 37th year he performed good service. His son Ya'qūb Khān, after his father went to the Court, was made an instrument of strife by the Kashmīrīs, and for a time he was the ruler of the country. When Qāsim Khān Mīr Babr was deputed for the annexation of that territory, the good fortune of the Emperor caused dissensions to break out amongst the people. By this means Qāsim Khān entered Srīnagar. Even then Ya'qūb Khān exhibited signs of rebellion. In the 34th year when the Emperor was in Kashmīr, attempts were made to conciliate him. He submitted and was exalted by kissing the royal threshold².

# (MĪRZĀ) YŪSUF <u>KH</u>ĀN RADAVĪ<sup>3</sup> (Vol. III, pp. 314-321).

He was one of the true Saiyids of Mashhad. He attained high rank and influence during the reign of Emperor Akbar. In the 30th year he was promoted to the high rank of 2,500. When Shahbāz Khān hastened from Bihār to Bengāl, the Mīrzā was ordered to proceed from Oudh and to guard Bihār. In the 32nd year, 995 A.H.

- 1 Op. cit., Text, p. 525, translation, p. 801.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, p. 557, translation, p. 846. He is again mentioned on pp. 582 and 649 of the text. According to a Kashmir chronicle Ya'qūb was eventually poisoned by a poisoned robe sent to him by Akbar, see Rieu, Cat. Brit. Mus. MS: I, 300c, but according to Badā'ōnī, Muntakhab-ut-Tawārikh, Text, II, p. 354, Lowe's translation, II, p. 365, both he and his father died in prison from melancholy and spleen.
- 3 For his earlier life see Akbarnāma, III. The account in Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 369-372, is almost a verbatim translation of the Maāthir account.
  - 4 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 457, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 687.
  - 5 Op. cit., Text, p. 465, translation, p. 701.

(1587 A.D.) when Qasim Khan, the Governor of Kashmir, becoming disgusted with the continual commotion there resigned, the Mīrzā was appointed1 to administer the country. He by his excellent arrangements succeeded in winning the hearts of the people. He conciliated Shams Chak, who claimed the sovereignty of the country, and sent him to the Court2. In the 34th year, 997 A.H. (1589 A.D.) Emperor Akbar visited Kashmīr, the like of which as a land for holiday globe-trotters has not found anywhere in the world. He ordered that skilled officers3 should carry out a survey of the Marraj and Kamraj, i.e, the upper and lower valleys of the river Bhit (Jhelum). In that territory every piece of land is designated as a pattab, and this equals one bigha and one biswah of the Ilahi yard (gaz). The Kashmiris reckon a little more than 21/2 pattabs to be equal to a bigha. With the government they reckon on the basis of three heaps of produce. Accordingly every village is assessed on the basis of a certain number of kharwars of rice. Every kharwar is equal to three maunds and eight seers Akbarshāhī. Some reckon by taraks which is equal to eight seers. For the Rabi' (spring) crop they take for every pattab of wheat or pulses two taraks as the ruler's share. At this time the experienced assistants went into details, and found several irregularities. But as a result of the importunity of the land-holders who did not disclose all the facts, of the farmers chiefly being soldiers, and of the Emperor being desirous of sight-seeing, and careless (about taxation), and also in view of the fact that an increase in the revenue would cause confusion among the peasantryspecially in a newly conquered country—the revenue was not fixed on the basis of statistics. Two lakbs of kharwars of rice were added to the twenty lakhs (formerly taken), and each kharwar was reckoned

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 521, 523, translation, pp. 796, 798.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 523, translation, pp, 798, 799.

<sup>3</sup> The account is based on Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 548, 549, translation, pp. 830-832. The Maāthir account is somewhat confused, and for details reference may be made to the original and the detailed notes by Beveridge in the translation cited.

at sixteen dams. On the basis of this estimate a settlement was fixed with Mīrzā Yūsuf Khān.

In the 36th year it so happened that one of the confidential servants of the Mīrzā ran away and came to the Court. He represented that the number of kharwars should be increased by 50 per cent, and the rate for each kharwar should be 28 dams. On an enquiry being made, the Mīrzā did not agree to this increased assessment. Accordingly Qādī Nūr Ullāh and Qādī 'Alī were deputed for carrying out an investigation1. The Mīrzā's agents out of dishonest motives proved refractory. Qadi Nur Ullah returned and reported to the Emperor. Husain Beg Shaikh 'Umrī was sent to help. The former worked energetically at the office arrangements, and the latter at making collections. Some of the Mīrzā's servants combined together and stirred up sedition-mongers, who made Yadgar, Mīrza's cousin, the pivot of disturbances. There were one or two encounters, and then peace was made. But through the slackness of the two men (Qadī 'Alī and Husain Beg Shaikh 'Umrī), sedition in a short time rose to a great height2. Consequently Qadi 'Ali and Husain Beg were forced to leave the city and start for India. As the rebels had already taken possession of the passes, Qadi 'Ali was seized after slight resistance and put to death. Husain Beg escaped half alive. It is stated that when Yadgar Kal (the bald) took the idea of sovereignty into his head, and sent for an engraver to make a ring in his name, a splinter of steel came off while engraving and struck him in the eye. At the time of reciting the Khutba he trembled, and when an assembly was arranged and he sat on the throne, a farash (servant), who was standing with a fan in his hand, at once recited the couplet:

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 595, translation, pp. 906, 907. The confidential clerk's name is given there at Tota.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 618, translation, pp. 944, 945.

<sup>3</sup> Muntakhab-ut-Tawārikh, Text, II, p.382, Lowe's translation, II, p. 395.

#### Verse

You cannot by boasting place a cushion on the seat of the mighty,

Unless you also prepare the paraphernalia of might.

Yādgār was astonished, and asked the man whether he had composed it. He replied in the negative. Then (he asked) "Where did you learn this couplet?" He replied, 'I do not know." Stranger still<sup>1</sup>, Emperor Akbar had received no news of the disturbance, when —inasmuch as kings and fortunate princes are inspired—in the 37th year, 1000 A.H. (1591-92 A.D.) he unexpectedly ordered a march from Lāhōre to Kashmīr. Though men held back on account of difficulties of the journey, and some thought it improper that the Emperor should go to such a remote quarter and hilly country, the journey to which by any route would take a year, the Emperor in the height of rainy season set off unattended (jarīdah). It so happened that it was the very day on which Yādgār Kal had rebelled in Kashmīr. Still stranger was that while crossing the river Rāvī the Emperor asked to which did this verse refer:—

#### Verse

The crown of the empire, and the diadem of the Shāh², How shall they come to a baldman? God forbid!

They had not proceeded many stages when the news of the Kashmir disturbance was received, and the hidden knowledge of the Emperor thus became manifest. Shaikh Farīd Bakhshī-Bēgī was sent ahead with a force, and the Emperor himself pushed on rapidly. Mīrzā Yūsuf Khān was placed under care of Shaikh Abūl Fadl³. When, however, Mīrzā Lashkarī son of Mīrzā Yūsuf Khān, becoming aware of the doings of the rebel (Yādgār) brought away his family and children

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 617, translation, p. 943.

<sup>2</sup> Munta khab-ut-Tawari kh, Text, II, p. 382, Lowe's translation, II, p. 395.

<sup>3</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 619, translation, p. 947.

towards Lāhōre, and Yādgār on hearing of Mīrzā's imprisonment hurriedly sent away the Mīrzā's family, these happenings became the means of saving the Mīrzā's honour and he was released¹. Yādgār on hearing the news of the Emperor's expedition sent a large force to guard the passes. The brave imperialists, however, easily defeated the enemy, and entered the country. Yādgār left Srīnagar the capital of the country and hurried to Hīrāpūr. A party of Mīrzā's men, who were lying in wait, came at midnight, and raising a cry "The King" fell on his camp and plundered it. He was amazed and leaving his tent fled into the fields. Except for Yūsuf he had no attendant with him. He sent him to fetch a horse. The men, who were astonished at not finding Yādgār, seized Yūsuf and tortured him. At last through his indiscretion Yādgār was captured, and his shoulders were relieved of the weight of his head.

#### Quatrain

In the garden the pumpkin raised its head beside the Cypress. Forsooth this head raising is for the empire (sarwari). Heavens know out of the Cypress and the pumpkin, Which one is worthy of the empire.

It is stated that on the day when the Emperor heard of the sedition of the wretch, and as Yādgār's mother, Nuqra by name, was unrivalled for her lack of modesty amongst the prostitutes (lūlīs), he repeated the verse:

#### Verse

The bastard is envious; I am what my fate is. The bastard-slayer has come like the star of Yemen.

He also remarked that the fall of this worthless fellow and the rising of Canopus would take place about the same time. Astrologers represented that Yādgār would receive his punishment in two to three months. The Emperor said: "It will not be in less than 40 days or more than two months." Accordingly it all happened in 51 days.

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnama, Text, III, p. 619, translation, p. 247.

And on the day on which Yadgar was killed, Canopus rose1. After the Emperor reached Kashmir, Mirzā Yūsuf Khān did not agree to take the province at the increased rental. Consequently it was made Crown-land, and Khwaja Shams-ud-Din Khawafi with 3,000 horse was appointed to the charge. But at the request of Prince Sultan Salīm Kashmīr was again assigned to Mīrzā Yūsuf2. In the 39th year the Mīrzā was promoted to the post of the Superintendent of Artillery. In the same year, 1002 A.H. (1593-94 A.D.) he was in succession to Qulij Khan appointed to the charge of Jaunpur3. In the 41st year he was granted a Jagir in Gujarat4, and appointed an auxiliary of the Deccan. When Sadiq Khan of Herat died in the 42nd year, the Mīrzā was appointed the guardian of Prince Sulțān Murād<sup>5</sup>, and hastening from his Jāgīr to Bālāpūr in Berār, he took up his duties with the Prince. After Prince Murad's death he rendered valuable services with 'Allāmī Shaikh Abūl Fadl in the administration of the Deccan. In the siege and later the conquest of Ahmadnagar he, in attendance of Prince Daniyal, contributed more than any other officer towards the successs of the campaign. As he always disliked the Deccan, he in the beginning of the 46th year in response to the summons waited on Emperor Akbar at Burhanpur. When the royal standards returned towards Agra, Prince Daniyal with other officers was permitted to leave at the Narbadā, and the Mīrzā also was deputed with him6. In the same year, which was 1010 A.H. (1601 A.D.) the Prince sent the Mīrzā with Mīrzā Rustam Şafavī to assist Shaikh Abul Fadl and Khan Khanan in the Balaghat area. The Mīrzā died in the month of Jummāda II (December, 1601) of a bubo

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 623, translation, pp. 953, 954. Beveridge's excellent notes may be consulted in regard to Canopus etc.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 627, translation, pp. 959, 960.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 654, translation, p. 1004.

<sup>4</sup> Op. sit., Text, p. 714, translation, p. 1064.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 724, translation, p. 1081.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 790, translation, p. 1184.

at Jālnāpūr¹. His body was conveyed to Mashhad. He regarded Sulṭānpūr as his home, and had many Rohīlas among his infantry men, and he paid their salaries month by month. Whenever he granted an increase in pay, he called it a month and a half's pay. This he paid out at once in addition to the monthly salary during the whole year. Among his sons was Mīrzā Ṣafshikan Khān Lashkarī² of whom a separate account has been given. Another Mīrzā 'Iwaḍ was a good writer of prose. He wrote a history of the world under the name Chaman. Another Mīrzā Aflāṭūn lived with his brother. At the end of his life he was appointed incharge of the tomb (of Emperor Akbar) at Bihishtābād Sikandra, and died in that capacity. His son-in-law Mīr 'Abdullāh in the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān received the rank of 1,500 with 800 horse³. For some time he was Commandant of the fort of Dhārwar. He died in the 8th year of the reign⁴.

# YÜSUF MUḤAMMAD KḤĀN KŌKALTĀSH

(Vol. III, pp. 952-954).

Yūsuf Muḥammad Khān was the eldest son of Khān Ā'zam Atga's, and foster-brother of Emperor Akbar. When his father was deputed with a force by the Emperor to obstruct Bairām Khān who was proceeding to the Panjāb, Yūsuf Muḥammad, who was twelve years old,

- 1 Op. cit., Text, p. 800, translation, p. 1198.
- 2 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 736-738, translation antea, pp. 671, 672.
- 3 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 296.
- 4 Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. ii, p. 306.
- 5 Shams-ud-Din Muḥammad Atga Khān for whose account see Blochmann, A'īn, I (2nd edn.), pp. 337, 338.
- 6 Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 110, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 168. It is not clear on what authority the author of Maāthir states that Yūsuf Muḥammad was 12 years old in 1560, for on p. 675 of the text of volume I of Maāthir (Beveridge's translation, I, p. 319) his younger brother 'Aziz Kōka is described as hamsan i.e. of the same age as Akbar. He must have been, therefore, more than 18 years of age, for Emperor Akbar was then 18 years old.

was also sent with his father. On the day of the battle he was stationed with other gallant men between the centre and the Altmash, and when Atga Khan, after his right and left had been disorganized, saw safety in attacking Bairam Khan's force, Yusuf Muhammad was in front of his father and did great deeds. He was rewarded with the title of Khan. When his father was killed by Adham Khān Kōka, Yūsuf Muhammad Khān armed himself and his companions, and barred the path of Adham Khan and Maham Anaga till he was satisfied by hearing of the punishment that Emperor had inflicted on Adham Khān2. After this event the said Khān and his brother 'Azīz Muhammad Kōkaltāsh were encompassed with royal favours, and were always close associates of the Emperor both in assemblies and in battles. In the 10th year when the disloyalty and rebellion of 'Alī Qulī Khān Zamān, Bahādur Khān and Iskandar Khān was reported the Emperor himself marched from Agra for chastising this band. After crossing the Ganges it was reported to the Emperor that Iskandar Khan was still at his headquarters in Lucknow. The Emperor turned in that direction, and ordered that Yūsuf Muḥammad Khān with Shujā'at Khān and some other reliable officers should go forward as the vanguards. Under the benevolent patronage of Emperor Akbar he had attained the high rank of 5,000, when in the height of his youth he fell ill as a result of excessive indulgence in drinking. In the 11th year of the reign, corresponding to 973 A.H. (1565 A.D.) he died4.

## Circumspection

As a result of careful experiments physicians have found grape juice (wine) to have very potent properties as a tonic in various human ailments. In regard to its use they have, however, prescribed strict

- 1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 112, 113, translation, pp. 170-172.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, pp. 174-176, translation, pp. 269-273.
  - 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 252, translation, p. 379.
- 4 Op. cit., Text, p. 272, translation, p. 405, where the date of his death is given as 5th Dhul Qa'da corresponding to 24th May, 1566.

dosages and specified exact times and occasions. Excessive indulgence, which destroys intellectual faculties and is the harbinger of a number of ills, has been strictly prohibited and strongly condemned. This is also clearly laid down in the holy book of religion. While the Shari'at of Mustafa, May he be blessed and have peace! in which are revealed the most appropriate rules of conduct and dealings in regard to all affairs, no differentiation has been made in regard to its injurious effects when used in smaller or larger quantities. Rather its use has been entirely and strictly prohibited. The injunction "their sin is greater than their profi;" explicitly explains this dictum.

## YŪSUF MUḤAMMAD KHAN TĀSHKANDĪ

(Vol. III, pp. 963-967).

Tāshkand is a city in the Farghana country, which is situated in the fifth clime, and forms the limit of settled habitations. east is Kashghar, on its west Samarqand, on the south the mountains of the Badakhshan border, and on the north—though in former times there were towns such as Almaligh, Almatu and Yangi also known as Taraz-but at the present time owing to the migrations of the Uzbegs no traces of their habitations or ruins even are left. Except on the west side, where there are no mountains, it is not possible for an enemy to enter the country. The river Saihūn, generally known as the Ab-i-Khujand, entering the country from the north-east runs westwards, and after passing along the north of Khujand and to the south of Fanākat, now known as Shāhrukhiya, enters Turkistān, and entering the sands disappears there. In this tract there are seven townships. The five in the south are Andijan, Aush, Marghinan, Asfara and Khujand, and in the north Taraz and Kasan-which is an old city, formerly known as Niyakat and now known as Tashkand and Tash-The tulip gardens of the area are as superb and famous as kaniyat.

<sup>1</sup> Vide Quran, Sura Al-Baqarah, verse 219 (in pt.), p. 99.

the red roses of Bokhāra, particularly the seven-coloured tulips which are a speciality of the country.

After Yusuf Muhammad migrated from his native country to India he spent some time in the companionship of 'Abdullah Khan Fīrūz Jang2. Later as a result of his outstanding personality and good fortune he became attached to Prince Shah Jahan, and through his excellent services and constant attendance rose higher in position. He was constantly in attendance both during the journeys and in camp. After the accession he was appointed to the rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse, and received as gifts a flag, a drum, a horse, an elephant, and Rs. 15,000 in cash3. He was also granted a fief near Mandu. In the 4th year while engaged in the Deccan campaign he was suddenly involved in a strange disaster. This was on a day while he and Bahadur Khān Rohīla had gone to bring in forage that they encountered Randaula Khān and Bahlūl Khān 'Ādilshāhī. There was a great fight in which he fought valiantly, but was severely wounded and fell on the ground. The enemy regarding it as a great triumph carried him and Bahādur Khān4. For a time he was confined as a prisoner in Bījāpūr. When in the 5th year Yamin-ud-Daula Asaf Khan set about devastating Bījāpūr, and besieged it, 'Ādil Shāh sent both these officers to him5. After they arrived at the Court of the Emperor, who was well known for favouring his loyal officers, they were recompensed by the grant to each of them of a robe of honour, a sword, a shield with ornamented weapons, a horse and an elephant. Yūsuf Muhammad Khān received the rank of 3,000 with 2,000 horse6 and the gifts of a

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Memoirs of Babur*, see the translation by Mrs. Beveridge pp. 1-10. — Atrār and Shāsh of the *Maāthir* should be Tarāz and Kāsān as in *Bāburnāma*, and these have been adopted in the translation.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II. pp. 777-789, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 97-105.

<sup>3</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 118, 119. In the 3rd year, p. 299, his rank was increased to 2,500 with 1,200 horse.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 380, 381.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 415.

drum and Rs. 20,000 in cash, and was later appointed as the Ṣūbahdār of Tatta.

It is stated that previously he had many Mughal servants from Tūrān, but when on the occasion of this catastrophe he witnessed their unexpected faithlessness, in that they left their master in the hands of the enemy, and themselves went off in safety to his fief, and forcibly levied a large sum as pay from his father who had relinquished secular life and had become a dervish, he thought less of Mughals, and mostly employed Hindustānīs. Afterwards he was appointed Faujdār of Bhakkar1. In the 11th year when the Qandahar fort came into the royal possession, he was deputed2 with the Faujdar of Sīwistān for settling that area. He performed valuable services in company with Qulīj Khān the Governor of the area in connection with the capture of the Bust fort. In the 12th year he was transferred from the Faujdārī of Bhakkar as Sūbabdār of Multān, and was granted an increase of 1,000 horse3. In the same year, corresponding to 1049 A.H. (1639-40 A.D.) he died4. He had two sons Mīrzā Rūh Ullāh and Mīrzā Bahram. The first in the end of the 28th year was appointed as Faujdar and fief-holder of Mandu, and given the rank of 1,500 with 800 horse. After a time he was censured and his rank reduced to 1,000. Later he was appointed Faujdar and Commandant of Kangra. In the beginning of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he was deprived of his rank and Jagir for certain actions which did not meet with royal approval, and went into retirement. His sons, though they were Khānazāds, did not owing to the Emperor's displeasure, succeed in getting any Mansab, and were for a time companions of Khan Jahan Bahadur Kökaltāsh. Later Mīrzā 'Abdullāh succeeded in securing service under Prince Muhammad A'zam Shah. As a result of this appointment

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 22, where the increase of his rank to 3,000 with 2,500 horse is recorded.

<sup>2</sup> This was in the 11th year, op. cit. p. 35.

<sup>3</sup> This is incorrect, the increase was of 500 horse, and his rank on being appointed Sābahdār of Multān became 3,000 with 3,000 horse, op. cit., p. 128.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 155.

as Keeper of the Arsenal (Qūrbēgī) he was thus raised to a position of honour and respect. Afterwards he was appointed head of the artillery, and in the battle of Jajau having given full proof of his loyalty was killed with that gallant Prince. His son Mīrzā Fath Ullāh was young. Basālat Khān Sultān cast a favourable eye on him on account of acquaintance and school fellowship (khwājatāshī) and looked after his training. After Basālat Khān's death he found service under Āṣaf Jāh Nizām-ul-Mulk as the Superintendent of the Dīvān-khāna and of the messengers (barkārās). He received his ancestral titles. At the time of writing he is alive, and is a friend and companion of the author.

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## ZABARDAST KHĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 372, 373).

He was one of Emperor Shāh Jahān's body-guard. After Shāh Jahān's accession he was granted the rank¹ of 1,000 with 500 horse, and in the 2nd year² he had an increase of 500 with 100 horse, and again³ of 200 horse. In the 4th year he had reached⁴ the rank of 1,500 with 1,000 horse. He was for a long time deputed to Bihār province, and during this period he in collaboration with the governors of the province distinguished himself in the chastisements of the refractory Zamīndārs thereof. During the governorship of I'tiqād

<sup>\*</sup>In this section are included notices beginning with the letters 3 and 3, while those beginning with 3 are included at the end of the work in view of 3 being transliterated as Dh. The only biography under the letter . D has been dealt with under the letter M.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I. pt. i, p. 119.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 253.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 266, but his rank after this increase of 200 is given as 1,500 with 800 horse.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 399.

Khān, he subdued Pratāp¹—the Zamīndār of Palāmau, who was the leader of all the refractory elements of the province—by his devoted exertions in the cause of the Empire, by stirring up one of his sons against him, and in the 17th year brought him before the Governor. Later he returned to the Court² and paid his homage. In the 18th year he was promoted³ to the rank of 2,000 with 1,000 horse. In the 19th year he was granted a robe of honour, and was sent for the settlement of Sīwistān in the province of Tatta (Sindh). In the 23rd year, 1059 A.H. (1649 A.D.), while holding the office of Faujdār of Sīwistān, the cup of his life became⁴ full (he died).

### ZAFAR KHĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 755, 756).

He was the son of Zain <u>Khān</u> Kōka<sup>5</sup>. Probably his name was Shukr Ullāh<sup>6</sup>. In the 40th year of Akbar's reign he had the rank of 200, but after the death of his father he was raised to the rank of 700. Apparently in the end of Akbar's reign he received the title of Zafar <u>Khān</u>. After Jahāngīr's accession to the throne, as Zain <u>Khān</u> Kōka's daughter<sup>7</sup> was married to the Emperor, Zafar <u>Khān</u> became the subject of additional favours. In the 2nd year<sup>8</sup> when the Emperor started

- r Bādshāhnāma, II, pp. 357-361. The sentence in the text is very involved. It seems to mean that Zabardast Khān subdued Pratāp by stirring up one of his sons against him, but according to Bādshāhnāma, it was Pratāp's uncles or cousins who imprisoned him and forced him to come to terms with Zabardast Khān.
  - 2 Op. cit., p. 374.

3 Op. cit., pp. 405, 406.

- 4 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 103.
- 5 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 362-369, and Blochmann, Ā'īn, I (2nd edn.), pp. 367-369.
- 6 Blochmann on pp. 588, 589 of the work cited published his account under the name Shukr Ullah Zafar Khān based mainly on Maāthir.
- 7 Mother of Prince Parvīz; she died in 1007 A.H., see Blochmann, op. cit., p. 323, and Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, p. 363.
- 8 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri, I, p. 100. See also the footnote in reference to the name of the village.

from Lāhōre to Kābul, he encamped enroute at the village of Ahrōh'ī near the Attock fort, the inhabitants of the place complained against the Khatars, who practised robberies and dacoities etc. Zafar Khan was granted Attock as fief in place of Ahmad Beg Khan1, and he was ordered that the Khatars should, by the time of the return of the Emperor, be removed to Lahore, that their headmen should be imprisoned, and whatever they had taken by force from anyone restored. Zafar Khan performed the duties assigned to him, and waited on the Emperor on his return<sup>2</sup> and was commended. In the 3rd year he was promoted to the rank of 2,000 foot with 1,000 horse, and later in the same year received a standard, a robe of honour and a jewelled dagger3. In the 7th year his rank was increased to 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse, and he was posted as Governor of Bihar. In the 10th year he was removed<sup>5</sup> from there, but on returning to the Court received an increase of 500 foot with 500 horse, and was deputed to the Bangash<sup>6</sup> campaign. His subsequent history has not been noticed. His son was Sa'adat Khan' whose account is given separately.

# ZAFAR <u>KH</u>AN <u>KH</u>WAJA AḤSĀN ULLĀH (Vol. II, pp. 756-763).

He was the son of Khwāja<sup>9</sup> Abūl Ḥasan of Turbat. In the 19th year of Jahāngīr's reign when Khwāja Abūl Ḥasan<sup>10</sup> was appointed to succeed Mahābat Khān as the Governor of Kābul, Aḥsan Ullāh was appointed as his father's deputy for the government of the area.

- 1 Op. cit., p. 111.
- 3 Op. cit., p. 147.
- 5 Op. cit., p. 306.

- 2 Op. cit., p. 127.
- 4 Op. cit., p. 231.
- 6 Op. cit., p. 310.
- 7 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī, II, p. He died in the 16th year 1621-22 A.D. His son's name is given there as Sa'ādat Ūmēd.
  - 8 Madthir-ul-Umard, Text, II, pp. 461-463.
- 9 *Maat<u>b</u>ir-ul-Umarā*, Text, I, pp. 737-739, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 128-130.
- 10 Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngīrī, p. 238.

He was raised to the rank of 1,500 with 600 horse, granted the title of Zafar Khān, and received as gifts a standard, a dagger, a jewelled sword and an elephant. By the end of the reign of that Emperor he had attained to the rank of 2,500 with 1,200 horse. In the 1st year of Shāh Jahān's reign it was reported that he was besieging 'Abdul Qadir son of Ahd Dad in the valley of Kharmana' in Tīrāh. On hearing of the death of Emperor Jahangir, however, he had sent the force to Kābul and himself retired to Pēshāwar. After dealing with the business there, according to the custom of the Governor spending the winter in Peshawar, and summer in Kabul, he had set out for the latter place. On the march he had neglected the rules of caution, and the tribes of Orakzai and Afridi-who are the leading Afghan tribes of the Khaibar mountains—blocked his way, and so plundered his camp that he lost all hope and did not attempt to retrieve the situation. On this account Kābul was taken from his father, and he himself repaired to the Court. In the 2nd year he was appointed with Khwaja Abul Hasan to pursue Jujhar Singh Bundela. In the 3rd year, when the Emperor was encamped in the Deccan, he was sent with the above-mentioned Khwaja for the conquest of the territories of Nasik, Trimbak and Sangamner. In the 5th year when his father was appointed Governor of Kashmīr in succession to I'tiqad Khan Shahpur, he was made his deputy, and received a khil'at and a horse. In the 6th year after his father's death the Emperor confirmed him as the Governor of Kashmir, increased his rank to 3,000 with 2,000 horse, and granted him a standard and a drum4. In the 7th year when the Emperor was going to Kashmir,

<sup>1</sup> The account of Zafar Khān's failure against the Orakzāī and Afrīdī tribes is based on Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, pp. 190, 191. Kharmāha of the text Kharmāna in Bādsbāhnāma, and this has been followed. His return to the Court is recorded on p. 245.

<sup>2</sup> This is apparently a reference to his defeat by Abdul Qādir, see <u>Maāthir-ul-Umarā</u>, Text, II, p. 247, and translation, ante p. 598. in the notice of Rashid <u>Khān Ansāri</u>.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 432.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 473, 474.

he came as far as Bhimbar¹ to welcome him, and paid his respects. In the 10th year he was ordered to Tibet. There are two roads from Kashmīr to Tibet, one is called Karaj and the other Lār. The first is four stages longer than the second, but the latter owing to of its remaining covered by snow for a long time, and of having two difficult passes across it (is a more difficult route). Zafar Khān went by the first. By his skilful arrangements he conquered the country, and having captured Abdāl, the ruler of the area, rapidly returned by the second route. The rapidity with which the expedition was executed was commended by the Emperor.²

Tibet consists of 21 Parganas<sup>3</sup> and has 37 forts. Owing to the large number of hills and the restricted nature of the plains in the area very little of agriculture is possible. The chief agricultural products are wheat and barley. The yearly revenue is not more than a lac of rupees. Along one bank of one of its rivers particles of gold are found (in the sand), but the gold is of inferior quality and is not worth more than seven rupees a tola. This form of gold washings annually yields nearly 2,000 tolas. Fruits of colder climates such as peaches, apricots, melons and grapes are produced in the country. They are sweet and of a good quality, and are all available in one season only. There is (also) a type of apple which is of a red colour both inside and outside.

In the 11th year, Zafar Khān<sup>4</sup>, in compliance with the orders, came with Abdāl, the ruler of Tibet, and did homage. In the 12th year he was removed from the Kashmīr Ṣūba, and was appointed with Khān Daurān Nuṣrat Jang for the chastisement of the Hazāras<sup>5</sup>. In the 13th year he was attached<sup>6</sup> to Prince Muḥammad Murād Bakhsh, who had been ordered to make his headquarters at Bhēra.

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma. I, pt. ii, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Op, cit., pp. 281-286. Karaj of Maāthir is Karach in Bādshāhnāma. المقال has been printed as المقال in the text.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., pp. 287, 288.

<sup>4</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 93.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 149.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 181.

After that he was censured for some reason, and was without an office or fief for two years. In the end of the 14th year he was1 reinstated, and in the 15th year, when it was reported that Tarbiyat Khān, Governor of Kashmīr in spite of definite injunctions and cash sent to him for the relief of the people - who were suffering from the effects of a famine that year-was not acting as he should have done, Zafar Khān was appointed to the governorship of Kashmīr² for the second time. In the 18th year when the glorious territory of Kashmir was honoured by the visit of the Emperor, the latter one day went to the Zafarābād Garden, which Zafar Khān had laid out, and as a reward for the excellent treatment of the inhabitants of the area, which had resulted in their pacification, he was granted an increase of 1,000 horse in his rank. Later some incident resulted in his suspension from service for some time, but in the 25th year he was reinstated and granted the rank of 3,000 foot with 1,500 horse3. In the 26th year on the death of Sardār Khān he was appointed Governor of Tatta (Sindh), and as a result of an increase of 500 horse his rank became 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse4. When in the 29th year Sultan Sipihr Shikoh was appointed Governor of that province, the said Khan returned in the 30th year to the Court from Tatta. In the first battle against Dārā Shikōh he with 5,000 brave tried cavalry men was in charge of the left centre. Inasmuch as the Khan was not of an accommodating nature, and did not pay heed to the prevailing conditions, he was during Shāh Jahān's reign-which was the age for recognition of merit and hereditory claims-twice placed on the retired list. When the sovereignty came to Aurangzīb, zeal and restless attention to duty became the order of the day, and regard and

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 241. 2 Op. cit., p. 282.

<sup>3</sup> There is some mistake here as he already had the rank of 3,000 with 100 horse at the end of the 20th year, see Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 724. For his rein atement see 'Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, p. 143.

<sup>4</sup> Amal Salib, III, p. 154. The rank in the text is wrongly given as 3,000 with 3,000 horse.

claims were ignored. In the beginning of this reign he was granted an annual pension of Rs. 40,000. In the 6th year 1073 A.H. (1662-63 A.D.) he died at Lāhōre, and was buried in his father's tomb.

It is stated that his personal appearance was very unattractive, and that he was very short statured. It is well known that one day it was mentioned in Emperor Shah Jahan's presence that Khwaja Abul Hasan drank water only once a day. Mulla Hifzī, who was present, remarked that Zafar Khān's short stature was to be attributed to this fact, and that he was a seed grown without water. But he was unique in intellect and right-thinking. At the time of Mahabat Khān's domination in Kābul he was a prominent partisan of Nūr Jahan Begam in the sagacious advice which led to the success of their1 plan. He was not devoid of merit. During the reign of Emperor Jahangir it was a common saying that among the sons of the Amirs there were four who excelled their fathers, viz., Jahangir Quli Khan2 son of Khan A'zam, Sa'ad Ullah Khan son of Sa'id Khan Chaghtai, Zafar Khān³ son of Zain Khān, and the fourth was Zafar Khān son of Khwaja Abul Hasan. Though the Khwaja was a Sunni, Zafar Khān was a bigoted Shī'a. He used to give money to Irānians, and was specially generous and kind to poets. Eloquent men giving up their homes turned hopefully to him, and received such favours as they had hoped for. The most noted of the moderns, Mīrzā Sā'ib4 of Tabrīz, when he went from Iran to Kabul, was filled with admiration by his warm welcome and liberality, and lived in his company in India for a long time. Accordingly he has said: -

I See Iqbālnāma-i-lahāngīrī, pp. 265-279 and Beni Prasad, History of Jahangīr, pp. 408-411.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 521, 525, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 229, 730

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 755, 756, translation antea pp. 1013, 1014.

<sup>4</sup> See Rieu, Cat. Persian Manuscripts in the British Museum, I, p. 6939.

#### Verse

I Ṣa'ib have seen the Khān Khānān¹ in battle and banquet,
He is not the equal of Zafar Khān in generosity and courage.
Zafar Khān had made an album with a selection of the poems of every poet, who had been connected with him by ties of intimacy, written in their own handwriting, with the likeness (painting) of the poet on the back of the page. He also composed poems. This (verse) is his:—

#### Verse

With your merciful sword cut short this existence as fast as you can!

Act before the Heavens render you powerless.

He was married to Buzurg Khānam, the daughter of Malikā Bānū—elder sister of Mumtāz Maḥal—who was the wife of Saif Khān Buzurg Khānam was the mother of Mīrzā Muḥammad Tāhir², whose nom-de-plume was Āshnā, and who during Shāh Jahān's reign attained the rank of 1,500 and had the title of 'Ināyat Khān. He held superintendencies connected with the Presence (Ḥuḍūr), such as were reserved only for trustworthy houseborn ones. In the end of Shāh Jahān's reign he was appointed Superintendent of the Library. It is stated that the Emperor sent him to make enquiries about the character and ways of Sarmand's Majdhūb (the Attracted) who used to go about naked. He came back and recited this verse:—

## Verse

It is commonly surmised that Sarmand the naked works

The only visible proof of these is the exhibition of his private parts.

The son like the father was equally ignorant of worldly wisdom. He became a recluse<sup>3</sup> in Kashmīr, and in the 6th year of Aurangzīb's

- 1 The reference is probably to Mahābat Khān.
- 2 See Rieu. op. cit., p. 261, and Elliot's History, VII, p. 73.
- 3 Rieu, op. cit., II, p. 547a.

reign an annual pension of Rs. 24,000 was assigned to him. In the year 1081 A.H. (1670-71 A.D.) he died. He prepared an abridged account of the thirty years of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign from Bād-shāhnāma, and called it Mulakh Khas² (Abridgment). He was an adept in composition and correct use of words. He also composed a Mathnavī and a Dīwān. This (verse) is his:—

#### Verse

Rest consists in freedom from care! Sleeping in shade gets over the road (of life).

### ZAHID KHAN

(Vol. II, p. 370).

He was the son of Ṣādiq Khān³ of Herāt. In the 40th year of Akbar's reign he had reached the rank of 350. When his father died in the Deccan, he in the 47th year came⁴ to the Court, and was employed there. In the 49th year he was exalted by an increase in his rank and the title of Khān⁵. After the accession of Jahāngīr to the throne he was promoted to the rank of 2,000⁶. Later he was deputed with a force to chastise Rāō Dalpat, Bhūrith, and was commended for performing this service satisfactorily⁵.

- 1 'Ālamgirnāma, p. 822.
- 2 See Rieu, op. cit., I, p. 261 and Banarsi Prasad Saksena, History of Shahjahan, pp. vi, vii.
- 3 See Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd end.), pp. 382-384. He died in the 42nd year, vide Akbarnāma, III, Text, p. 720, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1074.
  - 4 Akbarnāma, III, Text, p. 805, translation, p. 1209.
- 5 Op. cit., Text, p. 826, translation, p. 1239. Beveridge's note that he was given the title of Ṣādiq Khān is incorrect, as he was known as Zāhid Khān in Emperor Jahāngīr's time.
- 6 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tūzuk-i-lahāngīrī, I, p. 17. On p. 46, however, it is again recorded that he was promoted from the rank of 1,500 to that of 2,000.
  - 7 Op. cit., p. 84. The name there is Dalip son of Rai Rai Singh.

## ZĀHIÐ KHAN KŌKA

(Vol. II, pp. 370-372).

His mother was Hūrī Khānan nurse of Bēgam Sāhib¹, the eldest daughter of Emperor Shah Jahan. In the 13th year he was appointed Faujdar<sup>2</sup> of Miyan Dūab in succession to Nūr-ud-Daulah. In the 14th year he was exalted by the grant of the title of Khan, and promoted to the rank of 1,000 with 1,000 horse, and was deputed to the Deccan. In the 15th year he returned to the Court with Prince Muhammad Aurangzīb Bahādur. In the 17th year his rank was increased to 1,5003 with 1,000 horse. Later he had an increase of 500 with 200 horse, and made Qarāwalbēg4. In the 18th year on the occasion of the feast at the recovery of the Begam Sāhib-who as a result of burns was ill for a long time—he received a robe of honour, a jewelled dagger, a standard and an elephant, and was promoted to the rank of 2,000 with 1,500 horse5. Afterwards he was appointed to the high office of Qushbegi (Chief Falconer). In the 19th year, on 24th Rajab 1055 A.H. (5th September, 1645 A.D.) he had a severe illness. Though Hakim Daud Tagarrab Khan wanted to bleed him, he would not agree6, and died.

It is stated that he led an unrestrained life of pleasure, and was very outspoken in his talks. One day Begam Ṣāḥib gave him a recommendation and sent him to one of the princes. The Prince sent

I Jahān Ārā Bēgam, for her life see Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1894 edn.), pp. 189, 190, also see Irvine, Storia do Mogor, I, p. 217, note 2. Her dress caught fire in the 17th year on 27th Muharram 1054 A.H. (6th March, 1644 A.D., not 26th March as stated in Beale), see Bādsbābnāma, II, pp. 363-369.

<sup>2</sup> Bādsbābnāma, II, p. 201.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 351.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 376.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 399.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 434. There it is also noted that his mother Hūrī Bēgam was the nurse of the Bēgam Sāhib. His eldest son Faid Ullāh Khān who was to years of age was after his father's death granted the rank of 1,000 with 400 horse.

for him, and said that the Bēgam Ṣāhib had recommended him, and that, God willing, he would endeavour to promote his advancement. He said in reply that the lame and the blind wanted recommendations. He was free from these faults. If the Prince thought him worthy of advancement, he might do so, otherwise it did not matter. But he was not fickle in his friendships. One of his sons was Faid Ullāh Khān whose account¹ has been included separately. The other was Muḥammad 'Ābid, who in the 13th year of Aurangzīb's reign had the rank of 1,500 with 300 horse, and the title of Nawāzish Khān².

# ZAIN <u>KH</u>ĀN KŌKA<sup>3</sup> (Vol. II, pp. 362-370).

Zain Khān's mother was Pīcha Jān Anaga, one of the nurses of Emperor Akbar. His father was Khwāja Maqsūd Alī of Herāt, who was a pure-hearted, loyal and honest servant of Maryam Makānī, and was always in attendance near the howdah (of her elephant) during the journey to Irān as a devoted servant. Emperor Akbar had the daughter of his brother Khwāja Ḥasan—who was the uncle of Zain

- 1 Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 28-30, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 512, 513.
  - 2 Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī, pp. 97, 98.
- 3 Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 367, 369. In the Maātbir account above his rank is given as 5,000, but Blochmann lists him as the first officer of the rank of 5,500. In Tabaqāt, De's translation of Vol. III, p. 659 his rank is given as 5,000.
- 4 Pija Jān Anaga in Akbarnāma, I, Text, p. 44, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 131.
- 5 Op. cit., Text, p. 222, translation, p. 448, where he is included as No. 7 in the list of officers who "served the State during their exile." In Bāyazīd (Hidayat Hosain edn. 1941), p. 178, he is included among those accompanied on his return from Persia, and referred to as the Dīvān of Kāmrān.
- 6 Her name was Sāhib Jamāl, see Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Memoirs of Jahāngīr, I, pp. 18, 19. Parviz was born at Kābul, vide Akbarnāma, III, Text, p. 568, translation, p. 859.

Khān—married to Prince Sultān Salīm, and in the year 997 A.H. (October, 15,89) she gave birth to Prince Parvīz. When in the 30th year Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥakīm died at Kābul Emperor Akbar, after crossing the Indus enroute to Zābulistān (Afghānistan), sent Zain Khān—who had attained the rank of 2,5001—to punish the Yūsufzaīs², and to conquer Swāt and Bajaur. The Yusufzaīs formerly lived in Qarābāgh and Qandahār, and later after moving over from those areas to Kābul began to cause disturbances there. Mīrzā Ūlūgh Bēg Kābulī cleverly exterminated most of them, and those who escaped found refuge in Lamghānāt, and later moved over to Hashtnagar³ For nearly one hundred years they had practised highway robberies and turbulence in Swāt and Bajaur,

In this territory there was another tribe known as the Sulṭānī<sup>4</sup>, and who claimed descent from a daughter of Sulṭān Sikandar (Alexander the Great). The Yusufzaīs began by being very useful to this tribe but later disloyally and craftily took possession of their choice areas. Some remnants of the former tribe lived in the defiles in poverty, but from love of their native land did not migrate elsewhere. Earlier when Emperor Akbar came to the country to chastise Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥakim, the headmen of the tribe (Yusufzaīs) waited on him. One of them Kālū, who was treated with favour, later fled from Āgra. Khwāja Shams-ud-Dīn Khwāfī seized him near Attock and sent him to the Court. Instead of being punished he was treated with favour, but he again ran away to his native country, and he became the leader of seditious elements in the country.

Zain Khān Kōka first went to Bajaur, to the south of which lies Peshāwar and to the west the *Parganas* of Kābul. Its length is 25 kos and breadth 5-10 kos. 30,000 families lived there. He punished

- 1 Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 457, translation, p. 687.
- 2 According to Vincent Smith Akbar The Great Mogul (1919), p. 237, note, Yusufzai is the correct form.
- 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 475, translation, pp. 715, 716. In the text it is Sawad in place of Swat and Astaghar in place of Hashtnagar.
  - 4 Loc. cit., translation, p. 716, note 2.

many of them. Ghāzī Khān, Mīrzā 'Alī and other leaders of this tribe submitted and the thornbush of disturbance was uprooted. Later he proceeded to the hill country of Swāt. After several battles the enemy fled. He established a fort at Chakdara which is situated in the middle of the country. He was victorious 23 times, and destroyed seven entrenchments (sangar). Except for the pass of Karākar and the country of Būnēr the whole of the area was conquered.

As the soldiery were tired of constant hill climbings, Zain Khan asked for reinforcements. Emperor Akbar deputed Raja Birbar and Hakim Abul Fath one after the other. When they joined Kökaltash, they on account of old rivalries did not agree, and there were dissensions. During consultations Zain Khan said, "Let the fresh troops march to chastise the rebels, and I will safeguard the central area. Or you should remain at Chakdara and I shall attend to the punishment of the hill men". The Raja and the Hakim replied, "The orders are to attack the country and not to guard it. When we all have punished them, we are to return to the Presence." The Köka retorted, "How can we give up a country which has been gained after so much fighting. If you are not agreeable to either of my proposals, you may return by the way you came." They did not listen to him, and started off by the route of Karakar pass which is full of heights and hollows. The Koka, through an ill-timed complaisance lest these courtiers should make an adverse report and so displease the Emperor, put aside his leadership2. In every ravine there was a fight, and the equipment was plundered.

- 1 Adapted from Akbarnāma, III, Text, pp. 481, 482, translation, pp. 726, 727. Pūnaīr in the text instead of Būnēr. In Akbarnāma it is 40,000 families instead of 30,000 of Maāthir.
- 2 For detailed account see Akbarnāma, III, Text, pp. 482, 483, translation, pp. 727-729. Karākar or Karikar pass is E.S.E. of Chakdara, see p. 729, note 2. Vincent Smith in Akbar: The Great Mogul (1919), following Raverty, adds that the "retirement through Karakar Pass, which had been ill managed, was grievously harassed by the tribesmen; but after passing the crest of the Malandarai Pass further south the retirement became a rout". Nearly

When they reached the pass of Malanadrī, Kōkaltāsh was in the rear. The Afghāns pressed forward and he was forced to fight. The Afghāns shot arrows and threw stones from all sides. The men became bewildered and rushed down the hills. In the mêlée horses and elephants getting mixed up stumbled, and a great number were killed. Kōkaltāsh was for sacrificing his life, but Jānish Bahādur seized his rein and turned him back. After wandering for a time he had to dismount, and reached the camp on foot. As the report became current that the Afghāns were in pursuit, the march became disorderly, and in the dark men left the path and got into defiles. Although the Afghāns had halted to divide the booty, on the following day those, who had lost their way, were killed. The Rāja and many persons of note to the number of 500 lost their lives through losing their way¹.

In the 31st year Kōkaltāsh was deputed to chastise the Mohmand and Ghōrī tribes near Peshāwar. They had made Jalāl-ud-Dīn Raushānī as their leader, and were creating disturbances in Tīrāh and Khaibar. He distinguished himself in carrying out this mission. In the 32nd year he was appointed Governor of Zābulistān in succession to Rāja Mān Singh. In the 33rd year he was reappointed to chastise the Yusufzaīs. He began by moving over to Bajaur, and by continuing fighting for eight months killed a large number of them. The survivors were forced to submit. Kōkaltāsh resolved to take Swāt. First he came to the bank of the river Pachkōra which is the boundary of the country, and after erecting a strong fort there waited. The enemy were busy celebrating the 'Id Qurban. The Kōka rushed to Swāt by a secret road. The Afghāns becoming bewildered retired into by-paths and that area was conquered. He built forts at all key-

8,000 imperials including Birbal, or Birbar as he calls him, were killed, p. 235. see also his valuable sketch map of the campaign facing page 235.

<sup>2</sup> See Akbarnāma, III, Text, pp. 484, 485, translation, pp. 730-732. On the last page are given the names of some of the officers who lost their lives in the battle. See also note 1 on p. 731 in which Beveridge discusses all relevant literature on the subject.

points, and left contingents to guard them. In the 35th year Zain Khān was appointed to punish the Zamīndārs of the northern hills. He started from near Pathan (Pathankot) and went on to near river Sutlej. All the inhabitants submitted. (These included) Raja Bidhī Chand from Nagarkot, Raja Paras Ram from the Jammū hills, Raja Bāsū from Māu, Rāja Anrudah from Jaswal?, Rāja of Kahlūr, Rāja Jagish Chand from Dahwal?, Rai Sansar Chand from Pauna (Punch?), Rāī Pratāp from Mānkōt, Rāī Bāsū from Jasrōtta, Rāī Balbadhar from Lakhanpur (Lakhnur), Daulat from Köt (Sharköt) Bharta, Rāi Krishan from Balāwarī, and Rāi Rāo Udiya of Dhamrīwal. Although their cavalry was limited to 10,000, their infantry was more than 100,000. They came to the Court with the Koka and presenting a large tribute did homage2. In the 36th year Kökaltāsh was raised to the high rank of 4,000 and granted a drum3. In the 37th year, when Zain Khan was deputed to guard the other side of the Indus up to the Hindu Koh (Hindukush mountain), he marched from Swat and Bajaur to Tīrāh. The Afrīdīs and Orakzaīs submitted and Jalala retreated into the land of the Kafirs (Chitral). The Koka pursued him there. As Wahadat 'Alī the son-in-law of Jalāla, with the help of the Yusufzais had taken the fort of Kanshan and portions of the territory of the Kāfirs, Kōkaltāsh addressed himself to extirpate him. A force proceeded to the hill country which is the seat of the officer (Dārōgha nishīn) of the ruler of Kāshghar (Chitrāl), and took many prisoners. The leaders of the Kafirs also allied themselves with his forces and helped in putting down the Afghans. Some went to Chughansara in Badakhshan, but did not withhold from the pursuit, and the Yusufzais were thus forced to come to his side. and the fort of Kanshan and many other places were taken possession

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, III, Text, pp. 510,532, translation, pp. 777, 778, 810, 811. The best account of the Yūsufzaī campaign is by Raverty, Notes on Afghanistan (1888), pp. 259-266.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 583, translation, pp. 884, 885. The names of both persons and places are doubtful in several cases and do not agree with Akbarnāma.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 586, translation, p. 889.

of. The country up to the borders of Badakhshān and Kāshghar was conquered. At the feast of the beginning of the 41st year his rank was increased to 5,000.

As Qulij Khan had not proved successful in the government of Kābul, that country in the same year was made over to the Kōka3. Also in this year Prince Sultan Salim fell in love with the daughter of Zain Khan, and determined to marry her. Emperor Akbar did not approve of this impropriety, but as the infatuation of the Prince was beyond all bounds, he permitted the marriage4, and it took place in 1004 A.H. (1596 A.D.). As Jalāl-ud-Dīn Raushānī, who was the root of all troubles in Kābul, had died, and the disturbances had ceased in Afghānistān, Zain Khān from Tīrāh was ordered to take up his quarters at Lahore<sup>5</sup>. When Emperor Akbar returned from Burhanpur to Agra, he sent for him. Elated by his successes he had sallen into drinking habits. He gave these up to some extent after he was sent for. His illness increased, and his eyesight and heart gradually failed till he died6 in 1010 A.H. (1601 A.D.). It is stated that Emperor Akbar entertained a dislike for him owing to his part in the catastrophe of the death of Birbar. His dislike was further increased when later Zain Khan sent a large contingent of horses to Prince Sultan Salīm who was living in Allahābād and cherishing evil designs. He died about this time.

Zain Khān was fond of Hindī poetry and music. He could play several instruments. He also composed poems. This (verse) is his:—

The crookedly moving Universe leaves me on chance,

So that I may insert the thread of success (murad) in the needle.

- 1 Op. cit., Text, pp. 640, 641, translation, pp. 983, 984.
- 2 Op. cit., Text, p. 701, translation, p. 1049.
- 3 Op. cit., Text, p. 720, translation. p. 1073.
- 4 Op. cit., Text, p.710, translation, p.1058, and note 3 in which Beveridge has discussed the reasons for Akhar's objections to the marriage.
  - 5 Op. cit., Text, p. 795, translation, p. 1192.
  - 6 Op. cit., Text, p. 757, translation, p. 1194.
  - 7 Muntakhab-ut-Tawārīkh, III, Text, p. 236. Haig's translation, p. 327.

It is stated that he entertained the Emperor at his house on such a magnificient scale that it astonished everyone. He covered a terrace (chabūtra) with tūs (goat's hair) shawls—which were very rare in those days—and in front had three tanks, one filled with rose water of Yazd, another coloured with saffron, and the third with Argaja, and put into them troops of dancing girls and singers (tawā'if) who were more than 1,000 in number. He caused streams of milk and sugar mixed to flow, and sprinkled rose-water in place of water in the courtyard (to allay the dust). He filled baskets with jewels and decorated vessels, and presented these as a pēshkash along with noted elephants. It is stated that at this time Zain Khān was famous for the number of elephants, Qulīj¹ Khān for his horses, and Saʿīd² Khān for his eunuchs.

# DHAKRIYA KHAN BAHADUR HIZBAR JANG (Vol. II, pp. 106, 107).

He was the son of Saif-ud-Daulah 'Abd-uṣ-Ṣamad Khān³, whose account has been included in this work. In his father's lifetime he succeeded him as the Governor of Lāhōre⁴. His good administration and justice are well known⁵. After his father's death the governorship of Multān was also assigned to him, and he distinguished himself by two victories⁶ in the Lāhōre territory. One was over Jang Panāh of the Bhatī caste, who was a sedition-monger and held sway from

I See Blochmann, A'm, I (2nd edn.), pp. 380-382, Maāthir-ul-Umurā. Text, III, pp. 69-74, translation, antea, pp. 534-539.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 351, 352, and Maātbir-ul-1 Umarā, Text, II, pp. 403-408, translation, antea pp. 679-682.

<sup>3</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 514-517, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 71-73.

<sup>4</sup> In the 7th year of Emperor Muḥammad Shāh's reign, see his father's biography cited above.

<sup>5</sup> Elliot's History, VIII, p. 344, and Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of Mughal Empire, I, p. 190.

<sup>6</sup> See. Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., p. 190.

Hasan Abdal to the banks of the Ravi. Dhakriyā Khān deputed a force under his officer Raja Kora Mal, who captured him and put him The second was Jang Mir Mar Zamindar who practised highway robberies and plundering between Lahore and the river Sutlej. He sent Qazaq Beg Khan with a force against him. The latter after a fight captured him and he was hung on the gallows. On Nādir Shāh's arrival as he could not resist him; he submitted and accepting service under him helped in maintaining order. At the time of Nadir Shah's return the latter offered to grant him a favour. He begged for the release of the prisoners in the camp2. In accordance with his request army police (Nasqchīhā)3 were appointed and the Delhi prisoners were In 1152 A.H. (1739 A.D.) he in compliance with Nadir released, Shāh's summons hurried to the province of Sindh, and in 1158 A.H. (1745 A.D.) he died. His elder son was Mīr Yaḥiyā Khān who eventually became a dervish. His second son Mīrzā Pahlwarī Hayāt Ullāh Khān, whom Nādir Shāh gave the title of Shāh Nawaz Khān, was in Multān. He fought against Mu'in-ul-Mulk Mīr Mannū son of I'timād-ud-Daulah Qamar-ud-Dīn, Governor of Lāhōre, and lost his His third son Khwaja Baqi Khan, who recently came to the Court of Nizām-ud-Daulah Aṣaf Jāh, received the title of I'zz-ud-Daulah Hizbar Jang, and is in his service. He is known to the writer of these pages.

# DHÜLFIQĀR KHĀN

(Vol. II, pp. 89-93).

(His name was) Muhammad Beg, and he was the chief attendant of Aurangzib when he was a prince. Later he was promoted to the post of the superintendent of the artillery. When his forces moved

- 1 Irvine, Later Mughals, II, pp. 325, 326, 331, 332.
- 2 Op. cit., p. 376.
- 3 Irvine, Army of the Indian Moghuls, p. 227.
- 4 For an account of the civil war between Dhakriya Khan's sons see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp. 193-196.

from Burhanpur for Upper India to contest the kingdom, Muhammad Beg was exalted with the title of Dhulfigar Khan1. In all the battles and fighting he was pre-eminent, and bravely carried the standards in the vanguard. In the battle with Mahārāja Jasvant Singh, when the leading Rajpūt chiefs fiercely attacked Aurangzīb's artillery, and in the fight against these brave men who were in large numbers, Murshid Quli Khan the head of the artillery, bravely sacrificed his life. Dhulfigar Khān following the custom of the gallant warriors of India—that when the battle becomes critical they dismount from their horses and are prepared even to sacrifice their lives-got down from his horse, and with a few men firmly held his ground. He gathered the flowers of a number of wounds from the branches of courage. The undaunted Raipūts left him and attacked the vanguard, and in this way his life was saved2. On the day of the battle with Dara Shikoh, when the latter contrary to the rules of the tacticians dispersed the order of the troops, and passing the artillery advanced, the left and right wings of the two sides became confused and many of his leading men were slain. Dhulfiqar Khan perceiving that it was time to render assistance spurred on his brave horse, and fell on the enemy's centre. Owing to the extreme heat of the wind-which was blowing very hard-many lost their lives without being touched by an arm or a lance. Dara Shikoh fled. In this engagement also Dhūlfiqār Khān was wounded. Later, after Aurangzib encamped in the vicinity of the Capital (Agra), letters and messages urging his earnest desire for an interview and urgent summons on the part of Emperor Shah Jahan were followed by profession for paying his respects, but offering excuses on the side of Aurangzīb. On account of evil suspicions Muhammad Aurangzīb

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Alamgirnāma, p. 51. On p. 62 it is noted that he was an old servant of the Prince

<sup>2</sup> The account of his part in the battle against Mahārāja Jaswant Singh at Dharmat is taken verbatim from 'Alamgirnāma, pp. 66-68.

<sup>3</sup> For a detailed account of the battle of Samugarh see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, History of Aurangzib, I, pp. 388-405. Dhulfiqar Khan's receiving some wounds is mentioned in 'Alamgirnama, p. 74.

Bahadur could not agree to have an interview with his father. Emperor Shah Jahan set about strengthening the fortifications of the fort, and thus the veil was lifted all at once. By Aurangzīb's order Dhūlfiqār Khān and Bahādur Khān came at night to the foot of the fort with the intention of laying a siege. They saw that it would be impossible to reduce it owing to the strength of the fortifications, and took shelter under the wall and in the trees. There was firing from both sides, and although the garrison were prepared bravely to defend the fort, the Amirs and officials out of timidity and faithlessness deserted by the wicket gate1 leading to the river, and thus gave a proof of the'r disloyalty and perfidy. Emperor Shah Jahan witnessing this proof of the discordance of Time, again sent Fādil Khān with a letter written by his own hand. The purport was that the wholly unexpected had come to pass. Aurangzīb, however, should not shut his eyes to the claims of paternity and breeding and not do anything treacherous to a sovereignty of long standing the glory of which was celebrated throughout the world. The Prince wrote back in reply that he was always steady in the path of obedience, but the catastrophe that had happened through Eternal Will had made him suspicious, and he had not the courage to wait on his father. But if the latter would be gracious, and commit the charge of the defence of exit and entry to the fort to his men, he would come and pay his respects. Though the act was far from judicious, yet being overcome by Fate the Emperor agreed2. On the 15th of Ramadan3 1068 A.H. (6th

This must be "the water gate, near the centre of the river front," and "seems to have given access to the enclosure south of the Muthaman Burj, or octagonal tower", see M. Ashraf Husain's Historical Guide to the Agra Fort, (Delhi, 1937), p. 4.

<sup>2</sup> For an account of the negotiations between Shah Jahan and Aurangzib and the subsequent siege of the Agra fort see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, loc. cit., pp. 412-422.

<sup>3</sup> The date is 17th Ramadān in Khāfi Khān, II, p. 32. This appears to be more correct and would be nearer 8th June (according to Old Style) as given by Sir Jadunath, loc. cit., p. 422. Irvine also gives 17th as the date.

June, 1658 A.D.) Sultan Muhammad and Dhülfiqar Khan entered the fort, and taking possession of the gates turned out the Emperor's men. On the 21st of the same month—when three months and some days of the 32nd year of the reign had elapsed1—the Emperor was deprived of all power, and degraded from his exalted position. Dhūlfiqār Khān, who in loyalty and devotion was the foremost of Aurangzīb's servants, was raised to the rank of 4,000 with 2,000 horse, granted a drum and Rs. 60,000 in cash, and appointed to the charge of Emperor Shāh Jahān and the fort. When Aurangzīb's forces started from Delhi to confront Shuja', Dhulfiqar Khan in accordance with the orders2 left the fort in charge of Ra'dandaz Khān, and taking a kror of rupees and some ashrafis (gold coins) from the royal treasury left with the artillery and his own force for Allāhābād, and joined Prince Sultān Muhammad who had hurried forward with the advance troops. After the signal defeat and utter rout of the forces of Shuja, of which large numbers were killed, Dhūlfiqār Khān with Mu'zzam Khān in the company of Prince Sulțān Muhammad was deputed3 to the pursuit of Shujā' who had taken to flight. They in company with the Commander-in-Chief kept in close pursuit of Shujā' and did not allow him to settle or rest anywhere till he was forced to leave Tanda which he had made his headquarters and left for Jahangirnagar (Dacca).

During the period Dhūlfiqār Khān had been suffering from cold fits, and the disease had taken such a hold, that owing to the severe nature of the fits and their effects he was unable to ride and accompany the victorious troops. Consequently at his request he was recalled to the Court, and leaving Muʻzzam Khān he went to Muʻzzamnagar. From there he started for the Court, but his illness became worse during the journey, and in the month of Sha'bān at the end

<sup>1</sup> From 8th Jummāda II, 1037 A.H. (14th February, 1628 A.D.) to 21st Ramadān, 1068 A.H. (22nd June, 1658 A.D.) the period is 31 lunar years, 3 months and 14 days, or 30 years four months and four days according to the solar reckoning, see Irvine in Storia do Mogor, I, p. 294, note 1.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Ālamgīrnāma, p. 234.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 269.

of the 2nd year 1070 A.H. (1660 A.D.) he died after reaching Agra<sup>1</sup>. He had no son. After his death, in the 3rd year, his son-in-law Muḥammad Amīn Bēg came from Irān, and entered royal service, and received favours at the hands of the Emperor<sup>2</sup>.

# DHŪLFIQĀR KHĀN NUṢRAT JANG

(Vol. II, pp. 93-106).

His name was Muḥammad Ismā'īl, and he was the son of Asad Khān³ Āṣaf-ud-Daulah. His mother was Mīhr-un-Nisā Bēgam, daughter of Āṣaf⁴ Khān Yamīn-ud-Daulah, and he was born in 1067 A.H. (1657 A.D.). The chronogram is:

Ze Burj Asad rū namūd Āftāb
(The Sun appeared from the house of Leo: 1067).

In the 11th year of Emperor Aurangzīb's reign he was appointed<sup>5</sup> to the rank of 300, and in the 20th year he married the daughter of Shāista Khān Amīr-ul-Umarā, and was granted an increase in rank and the title I'tiqād Khān<sup>6</sup>. In the beginning of the 25th year when the royal standards left Ajmēr for the Deccan, and Asad Khān Jumlat-ul-Mulk was left in Ajmēr with Sultān Muḥammad 'Azīm, I'tiqād Khān<sup>7</sup> was also appointed to the Deccan. On the 13th Dhul Qa'da he rushed against the turbulent Rāthōrs, who had gathered in Mairtha and were creating a disturbance, and fought a severe engagement. He put to the sword five hundred of the enemy including Sōtak and Sānwal Dās, and other leading officers of the deceased Mahārāja Jasvant who were the fountain heads of all the disturbances. He was reward-

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 479.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 567.

<sup>3</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 310-321, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 270-279.

<sup>4</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 151-160,

<sup>5</sup> Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 71.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 158.

<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., p. 213.

ed by an increase in his rank.1 In the 30th year he was appointed Superintendent of the Ghusul Khāna2 in succession to Kāmgār Khān. Before the capture of Sambhā (Sambhājī) he was deputed to capture the fortress of Raheri (Rairi) the abode of Sambha's family. On 15th Muharram 1101 A.H. (19th October, 1689 A.D.) he captured that great fort and took as prisoners Sambha's sons, his family consisting of his mother and daughter and many of his chief followers. The Empetor rewarded him by increasing his rank to 3,000 foot with 2,000 horse, and the grant of the title of Dhulfiqar Khan3. In the 35th year as a reward for the capture of the fort of Nirmal he was promoted to the rank of 4,0004. After that he was deputed to the expedition of Chenchi (Gingees) fort, where Rama (Raja Ram), the brother of Sambha had gone, and collected more than 100,000 horse and foot. The resolute Khan proceeded there rapidly and invested the fort, but owing to the scarcity of provisions, and the large numbers of bandits (Marathas) he could not maintain his position, and moved to a place 12 kos distant. Prince Kam Bakhsh and Jumlat-ul-Mulk were sent with reinforcements. Dhulfiqar Khan went forward

- 1 Op. cit., pp. 214, 215. The date of attack was 13th Dhul Qa'da 1092 A.H., 24th November, 1681 A.D. He was as a reward granted an increase of 500 in his rank.
- 2 His appointment as Superintendent of the <u>Ghusul Khāna</u> is mentioned on p. 297 of the <u>Maāthir-i-'Alamgīrī</u>, the expedition against Sambhājī is recorded on p. 282.
- 3 Op. cit., pp. 331, 332. The name of the fort is given as Rairi, later known as Rāygad, see Kincaid & Parasnis, History of the Maratha People; the capture of the fort is described on pp. 154-156 of the same work, but the date is given as October 19, 1689, apparently according to the Old Style.
- 4 Maāthir-i-Alamgīrī, p. 345, where his rank after promotion is given as 4,000 with 2,500 horse. Is this Nirmal the town in Haidarabad State on the north bank of the Gödāvarī almost midway between Nāgpūr and Ḥaidārābād?
- 5 In the text it is always Achenchī, which is the same as Gingēē of the Imperial Gazetteer, Gingi or Chenji in Thornton's Gazetteer and Jinji of Grant Duff and Kincaid & Parasnis.

The Text also has Rāma or Rām Rāja for Rāja Rām son of Shivāji, and the second founder of the Maratha Empire.

and welcomed the Prince. But the disagreement and annoyance between the Prince and Jumlat-ul-Mulk increased to such an extent that the Prince to spite Jumlat-ul-Mulk sent secret messages to Raia Ram, and wanted to go into the fort. Jumlat-ul-Mulk making sure of the co-operation of other officers placed the Prince under arrest. Dhūlfiqār Khān at once withdrew the advance posts (Thānadārs) which were investing the fort, and summoned them to his camp. The enemy becoming encouraged sallied forth. Asad Khān looked after the Prince and the camp, and Dhülfigar Khan remained at the batteries to arrange for the removal of the guns and the paraphernalia of the siege. The Marathas fell upon Ismā'īl Khān Makhā-who was posted behind the fort-and wounded him and made him a prisoner. A great confusion resulted, and Dhülfiqar Khan was forced to spike the heavy guns, and retire to his base camp. Raja Ram and Santājī Ghorpara attacked him in full force, and there was a great fight. The brave Khan did not have more than 2,000 troopers with him, but he stood firm, and behaved with great courage and bravery. Few of the officers, who were prepared to sacrifice their lives for the sake of their honour, escaped without wounds. At last the enemy was driven off, and he returned a victor to his base.

After Asad Khān's departure for the Court with the Prince there were several fights between Dhūlfiqār Khān and Rāja Rām. Every time the lucky Khān was victorious. As later, however, there was a scarcity of corn in the area, a kind of peace was arranged, and Dhūlfiqār Khān retired to the imperial territory. After an interval of four months he renewed the siege of the fort, and hard-pressed the enemy. In the 39th year he was promoted to the rank of 5,000 foot with 4,000 horse, and favoured with the grant of the title of Nusrat Jang. On 6th Sha'bān, 1109 A.H. (7th February, 1698 A.D.) in the 41st year he captured the great fort of Gingēē by bravely and undauntedly pressing the siege. Gingēē consists of seven forts built on lofty hills, and was superior to all other forts of the area both in regard to its fortifications and the means of defence. It received the name of Nusratgarh. The chronogram is Qil'a' Chenchī maftūh-shud (The fortress of Chin-

chi is conquered: 1109). Raja Ram was so intimidated by the great dash of the victorious general that he left behind his wife and children, and fled in confusion. One hundred forts, large and small i.e. the territory of the Karnātik (Carnatic) with several ports of the Europeans were added to the imperial territory. Powerful Zamindars submitted to his authority, and sent suitable tributes. Nusrat Jang's rank by an increase of 1,000 horse was raised to 5,000 with 5,000 horse1. In the 46th year on the death of Bahramand Khan he was appointed to the high post of Mir Bakhshi2. He was, however, always engaged in chastising the Marathas, and recovering the lost territories in the Deccan. In the 49th year when the siege of Wagingera, known as Rahman Bakhsh,3 was prolonged, and Pidiyā (Piria in text) Nā'īk the commandant of the fort offering great resistance asked the Marathas to come to his help, and they plundered the adjoining areas and the neighbourhood of the Camp, Dhūlfiqār Khān was hastily recalled to the Court. It is stated that when he arrived near the Court, the Emperor wrote with his own hands: "O Guardian Angel of the helpless, come quickly." In fact, through his energy and heroic efforts the face of victory was soon revealed, and as a result of this achievement the forces, which owing

The account is based mainly on *Maāthir-i-ʿAlamgirī*, pp. 339, 344, 352, 353, 355-359, 390-392. The change of the name of the fort from Gingēē to Nuṣratgarh and the promotion of Dhūlfiqār Khān to the rank of 5,000 with 5,000 horse are recorded on p. 392.

For the Gingee campaign see Kincaid & Parasnis, op cit., pp, 159-168. The date of the fall of Gingee is given there as January, 1698. A very detailed account has been published by Sir Jadunath Sarkar in History of Aurangzib, V, pp. 73-109. His note on p. 108 in regard to the date of capture of the fort is of special interest. Also see Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 293, where the date is given as 18th January, 1698, and this would be correct, if Rajab is read for Sha'bān as given in Maāthir-i-'Ālamgīrī, p. 391.

- 2 Maāthir-i-'Alamgiri, p. 461.
- 3 The new name of Wāgingēra is given as Raḥmān Bakhsh Khēra in Maāthir-i-ʿĀlamgīri, p. 506. The campaign against Pidiyā is described in the earlier pages.

to constant fighting and opposition had reached their tether, were relieved. Young and old all extolled the great achievements of Nusrat Jang.

One of Emperor Aurangzīb's confidants at the instance of some perverse people represented to him that all men of the camp were constantly repeating that there was no victory save from 'Alī and no sword except of Dhulfiqar. As Emperor Aurangzib was disposed to be malicious and uncharitable, he to spite Dhulfique Khan granted increased allowances to the Tūrānī officials, and to him he only granted a sword and robe of honour, and deputed him to capture certain forts and chastise the Marathas. At last he reached the rank of 6.000 foot with After Aurangzīb's death Prince Muhammad A'zam Shah honoured him by confirming him in the office of the Mir Bakhshi, and appointed him to the vanguard with Prince Bīdār Bakht who was the leader of his father's vanguard. But in this battle Dhulfiqar Khan did not exert himself; rather he was more concerned about himself and was sluggish. When the Prince and most of the leaders were killed, Dhūlfiqār Khān, who had received a slight arrow wound on his lip, realizing that the day was lost, left the battle-field with a party of men and hurried away to his father at Gwalior1.

It is stated that at this time he sent a message to Muḥammad Ā'zam Shāh to the effect that such misfortunes had happened previously also. Wise generals do not neglect opportunities. The Prince should withdraw, and consider the best way of repairing the defeat. The lion-hearted Prince got angry and said, "Your heroism has been tested. Go wherever you like to save your life. I shall not desert the battlefield." Later, Bahādur Shāh, who was a compact of kindness and generosity, showed extraordinary favours and kindness to Dhūlfiqār Khān, and promoting him to the rank of 7,000 foot with 7,000 horse, honoured him with the title of Ṣamṣām-ud-Daulah Amīr-ul-Umarā Bahādur Nuṣrat Jang, and added the governorship of Deccan to his appointment as the Bakhshī².

I For his flight from Jajau see Irvine, Later Mughals, I, p. 30 and notes.

<sup>2</sup> Irvine, op cit., pp. 37, 39.

#### Verse

Good God! What grace and kindness is this!
His graciousness makes criminals (mujrimān) courtiers
(mubtaram).

As Dhulfigar Khan had of old been on terms of rivalry and enmity with Mun'im Khan Khan Khanan, he was always plotting against him. Although Khān Khānān was a prudent and patient man, and in spite of Dhulfiqar Khan's actions did not ignore all old claims, but he was forced by his injudicious actions to transfer Khandesh and Payanghat, Berar, from the Deccan in accordance with the arrangements decided on after the first conquest, whereby the administration of these tracts was included in Upper India. After Khan Khanan's death a message was sent to Nusrat Jang offering him the post of the Vazīr. He wished that he should be allowed to retain all his old appointments in addition to the post of the Vazīr, and so prayed that Vazīrship may nominally The Emperor, out of extreme regard and be assigned to his father. restraint—which were natural and innate in him—and fully realizing that the combination of all these posts was impolitic, but to appease Dhulfiqar Khan did not appoint anyone else as the Vazīr. After the death of Emperor Bahadur Shah at Lahore, Dhulfiqar Khan, realizing that 'Azīm-ush-Shān was not friendly towards him, attached himself to Jahandar Shah, the eldest son of the late King, with whom he had formerly been on good terms. And having succeeded in making the other brothers favourable to Jahandar Shah, he fought against and defeated 'Azīm-ush-Shān who in regard to the quantity of treasure and the number of soldiery and followers was far ahead of his brothers.

It is stated that Nusrat Jang by wiles and trickery, and by proposing a division of the territory made Rafī'-ush-Shān and Jahān Shāh to unite whole heartedly with Jahāndār Shāh. He also obtained from all three the confirmation of Vazīrship in his own name. He remarked that the uniting of three Kings was not strange, but one Vazīr for all three kingdoms was certainly extraordinary. When he had got rid of

<sup>1</sup> Irvine, op cit., p. 128.

'Azīm-ush-Shān, who was either killed by trickery or was blown off by a cannon ball-for no trace of him was ever found-he began to negotiate with Jahan Shah, who was the youngest brother, but was bravet and more ambitious than the others. It has been stated that Jahan Shāh's well-wishers suggested to him to sieze Dhūlfiqār Khān. The latter suspecting such a move kept away. At last the division of the territory could not be effected, and the matter ended in bloodshed. Jahan Shah while the battle was in full swing attacked Mu'izz-ud-Dīn's centre and dispersed it. Upon this Lāl Kanwar, the mistress of Jahandar Shah without whom the larter could not live even for a moment fled to Lāhōre, and Jahāndār Shāh himself took refuge in some stacks of bricks. Drums of Jahān Shāh's victory were beaten, and on this news the Khutba was recited in his name in distant centres. Suddenly a bullet struck Jahan Shah and he was killed. Dhulfigar Khān, who in the van was busy in a battle of muskets and cannon, on hearing the news fell upon Jahan Shah's force and dispersed it. He brought his corpse and that of his eldest son Farkhunda Akhtar-who in beauty and stature was like a glorious moon—before Jahandar Shah who with a few companions was waiting bewildered at the changes of fortune. In accordance with the necessity of time, for

### Hemistich

No respite should be allowed to the enemy.

Dhūlfiqār Khān at the end of the same night turned his cannon upon Rafī'-ush-Shān, who, ignorant of treachery and deceit, with his force was taking part in the battle. At dawn the battle took place, and that Tīmurīd of noble descent strove his utmost, and at last with sword and shield leapt from his elephant, and fought until he was killed¹. When the Godgranted Kingdom of India fell to the share of Jahāndār Shāh,

1 Irvine, op cit., pp. 160-185, for a detailed account of Dhūlfiqār Khān's intrigues etc. in favour of Jahāndār Shāh, and how he was able to get rid of all his brothers. His appointment as Prime Minister and promotion to the rank of 8,000 is noted on p. 188.

Dhūlfiqār Khān became the Prime Minister and managed all the affairs. But Kōkaltāsh Khān Khān Jahān—who had long held a place in the affections of Jahāndār Shāh, and was very influential in his Court—became his prominent opponent. The disagreements and disunion of the two upset the affairs of government, while the Emperor, who was infatuated with Lāl Kanwar, was entirely carried away by his success. He was mad and now began taking bhang. At first he was melancholic, and then became stupified. He became so engrossed in drinking, listening to music, and in enjoyments of all kinds that he had no thought of himself. How then could he think of others?

#### Verse

Indulgence in drinking wine is the root of most evils.

Whoever takes to stronger beverages is bound to get worse.

As people are prone to imitate the disposition of their kings, so Dhūlfiqār Khān also left all affairs (of the State) to Sabhā Chand Khatrī—who was unique in wickedness and mischief—and passed his time in pleasure and enjoyment.

## Hemistich

As the King, so the Vazīr2.

In Rabī' II they marched from Lāhōre and reached Delhī the Capital, and immediately there was a glut of revelry in the city. Three or four months had not elapsed when the news of Farrukh Siyar's approach was announced by the dissentient heavens. It was decided to depute Prince A'zz-ud-Dīn under the guardianship and command of Khān Daurān Khwāja Ḥusain, brother-in-law of Kōkaltāsh Khān to oppose him. Dhūlfiqār Khān was not agreeable to his leadership, for

<sup>1</sup> For Läl Kanwar's influence over Jahandar Shah and the differences between Dhulfiqar Khan and 'Ali Murad Kökaltash Khan see Irvine, op. cit., pp. 192-197.

he had never seen war and was quite alien to warfare, and remonstrated:—

#### Verse

Do not appoint anyone as the commander of an army, Unless he has been through many battles.

But on account of the predominance of Kökaltāsh Khān he was overruled. When Khān Daurān carried away by timidity and cowardice fled with the Prince to Āgra—as has been mentioned in the account of Kökaltāsh Khān¹—Jahāndār Shāh marched with Dhūlfiqār Khān in the van at the head of 80,000 horse in the month of Dhul Qa'da to Samūgarh near Āgra. Farrukh Siyar with extremely inadequate equipment and very few men, in all not more than ten or twelve thousand horse, came and encamped on the other side of the Jamnā.

There a dispute arose between <u>Dhūlfiqār Khān</u> and Kōkaltāsh <u>Khān</u><sup>2</sup> about crossing the river which was not fordable. One wanted to make a bridge, while the other remarked that the enemy would not be able to stand their ground on account of hunger and wretched circumstances, and would themselves disperse. Suddenly Farrukh Siyar crossed at a ford and on 13th <u>Dhul Hijjah</u> at the end of the day a battle took place. <u>Dhūlfiqār Khān</u> drew up the left wing with guns, a large force and all well known leaders. <u>Husain 'Alī Khān</u> Bārah came against him with cavalry, but his force was utterly routed by the artillery and musket charges. He fell wounded amongst the dead. But Saiyid 'Abdullāh <u>Khān</u> defeated Raḍā Qulī <u>Khān</u>³ who was opposing him, and coming with a force put Jahāndār Shāh with the centre\* to flight. In spite of that <u>Dhūlfiqār Khān</u> beat the

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, p. 818, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 197.

<sup>2</sup> See Irvine, op. cit., pp. 219-236 for Jahandar Shah's march from Delhi, his defeat in the battle of Agra and flight to Delhi after the battle.

<sup>3</sup> Raji Khān in text is apparently a misprint for Rada Quli Khān.

<sup>4</sup> Qul in text or Ghöl is the centre where the commander was stationed, see Irvine, Army of the Indian Moghuls, p. 226.

drums of victory, and remained where he was till the first watch of the night searching for the Emperor. He often said, "Would that they may bring the Prince (A'zz-ud-Dīn) in order that I may with the support of authority disperse the enemy." As no trace of him could be found anywhere, Dhūlfiqār Khān consulted his comrades. Many suggested that he should march to the Deccan. The army of Dā'ūd Khān his deputy was there, and there was no lack of funds or army. But Sabhā Chand urged that he should have compassion on his weak old father. Why did he want him by his own hand to be delivered to death? Dhūlfiqār Khān took the road to Delhī¹.

It is stated that Imam Vardi Khan-who was his Bakhshi-remarked that it was the sign of ruin as he was asking advice of a clerk. Dhūlfiqār Khān after some three hours followed Mu'izz-ud-Dīn, who had gone straight to the house of Asaf-ud-Daulah, and was trying to find a solution of his affairs. Though Dhulfiqar Khan urged his father to march to the Deccan or to Kābul, Asad Khān would not agree, and arresting Mu'izz-ud-Din sent him to the fort, as has been described2 in the notice of Asad Khan. When Farrukh Siyar reached Barah Pula five miles from Delhi, Dhulfiqar Khan went with his father and did homage; they were graciously received. On the pretence of consulting about the State affairs, Dhulfiqar Khan was detained and his father allowed to depart. Later Dhulfigar Khan was permitted to retire to the tent which had been set up for him. Soon some rough messages were delivered to him, such as "you are the cause of all these disturbances. You killed the helpless Prince Karīm-ud-Dīn-who was the Emperor's brother—who after the assassination of his father had hidden himself in an artisan's house." Dhulfiqar Khan realizing that things had changed gave frank and proper answers. Meanwhile household troops (chēlas) came in accordance with orders, and drew the strap

r This is incorrect. He first went to Agra, but when he did not find Jahandar Shah or his son there he started for Delhi. Irvine op. cit., pp. 235, 236.

<sup>2</sup> Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, I, p. 316, Beveridge's Translation, I, p. 275.

(tasma) round his neck; and beat him with their fists and kicked him from all sides<sup>1</sup>. On the same day Jahāndār Shāh was also put to death. Next day which was 17th Muharram<sup>2</sup>, 1125 A.H. (2nd February, 1713 A.D.) Farrukh Siyar entered the Capital. The head of Jahāndār Shāh was fixed at the point of a lance and his body thrown on an elephant, and that of Dhūlfiqār Khān upside down tied to the tail, and pilloried. "Therefore take a lesson, O you who have eyes."

#### Verse

Let the sagacious see What is the worth of ferocity and valour!

As obedience to his father brought about his death, the chronogram was found:

Ibrāhīm Ismā'īl rā qurbān namūd' (1125)

Dhūlfiqār Khān was an experienced soldier and a prudent counsellor. His bravery and liberality during the Gingee campaign became well known. Nāṣir 'Alī composed a poem in his praise of which the following is the first verse:—

#### Verse

The Glory of Ḥaidar shines from your brow. Thy name in battle does the work of Dhūlfiqār.

<u>Dh</u>ūlfiqār <u>Kh</u>ān as a reward gave him a large sum of money, and an elephant. But during the days of his prosperity his ungenerous and improper behaviour, his false promises and insincere speeches became notorious, so that both friends and foreigners (jānib u ajānib) complained against him. As the wine of the world upsets human beings,

- 1 For a detailed account see Irvine, op cit., pp. 248-253.
- z The year is incorrectly given as 1124 A.H. in the text.
- 3 Qur-ān, Ṣūra lix Al-Ḥashir, verse 2 (in pt.), p. 1058 of Muhammad Ali edn. 1917.
  - 4 The chronogram is only correct if a long a is added in Ismail.

at last he was so led astray that for his own selfish ends he uprooted whole families, and made beggars of rich men. He did not seem to realize that

#### Hemistich

There is a delight in forgiveness which is not to be found in vengeance.

For some slight displeasure he insulted and disgraced the good men of the age. He exacted vengeance a hundredfold. He did not worry about the day of retribution and retaliation. He was even not afraid of the final Judge (God). The oppression of his permanent deputy Dā'ūd Khān over the people in the Deccan, and the injuries done to all and sundry by his all-powerful Dīvān Sabhā Chand all caused his downfall. He had no children, and at present there is no representative of his line.

## Quatrain

Remember, O prudent man the influence of age You will receive retribution for all your actions. If you value your safety, do not injure anyone. The market of vengeance is flourishing.

Reflection. Power of forgiveness has been described as a great virtue of greatness; in other words whenever one forgives the downtrodden, one helps in putting an end to misery.

## Quatrain

In the past and even at present delaying punishment,
Has been extensively tried by the far-seeing people.
It is stated that at the time of your downfall it will not be very trying,

If during the days of your power you do not injure people.

# DHÖLFIQAR KHAN QARAMANLO

(Vol. II, pp. 85-89).

His name was Khānlar, and he was the son of Dhūlfiqār Khān, and the younger brother of Farhād Khān Qarāmānlu who was one of the great officers of Shāh 'Abbās I. Farhād Khān in the year 1007 A.H. (1598-99 A.D.) was in the vanguard in the battle against Dīn Muḥammad Khān Ūzbeg, and had in spite of his courage and bravery been suspected by his contemporaries, and fled. The Shāh also suspected him of treachery. Though it appeared unlikely that he with his wisdom and knowledge of the world would behave disloyally, particularly as he enjoyed such high rank under the Shāh, yet, as the Shāh was convinced of his guilt, he deputed Ilāhwardī Khān with some slaves to put him to death. When the above-mentioned Khān went to Farhād Khān's quarters, and putting his hand to the waist drew his dagger, Farhād Khān realized what was to happen, and said in Turkī; Salmī ūldī, i.e. Thus it has happened.

After Farhad Khan had been killed, Dhulfigar Khan, who was Amīr-ul-Umarā of Ādhurbāijān, and was in attendance, came to the palace greatly perturbed, and waited to be killed, for he could not believe that he would be allowed to live. The Shah was gracious to him, and granted him a robe of honour. He represented that since Farhad Khan had been worthy of death, why was not his appointment granted to him. Later when Dhulfiqar Khan received full powers as the prince of princes (Bēglar Bēgī) of Shirwan, some of the officers of Dāghistān became frightened of him. In 1009 A.H. (1600-01 A.D.) Shāh 'Abbās sent from his winter quarters of Qarābāgh Qarchaghā Beg, one of his confidential officers, to Shirwan. He was to bring about amity between Dhulfiqar Khan and the officers of the area, and by sending conciliating letters allay their fears, and thus to confirm them in the path of loyalty. Any of them, who proved refractory, were to be punished. After Qarchagha Beg arrived in that area, a curt order without assigning any reason for putting Dhūlfiqār Khān to death arrived suddenly from the Shāh. Qarchaghā Bēg under the

pretence that a letter had been received from the Shāh went to Dhūl-fiqār Khān's tent, and took him apart. He then with the aid of some servants, who were with him, killed him by striking him with the sword right and left.

According to what men say, there was no other apparent reason for killing Dhulfiquer Khan except to reconcile the officers. This reason, however, seems to be far from the dictates of prudence and vigilance. Perhaps the Shah also had become convinced of his disloyalty. However, the disposition of most of the Safavī princes was blood-thirsty, and this was specially the case with Shah 'Abbas I; he is notorious amongst the Iranians for his intolerance and impetuosity. This was carried so far that the government of Iran got out of gear. The Shah for insignificant reasons did away with his chief officers, and regarded these improper actions as the elements of his rule. Emperor Akbar wrote to the Shah several times expostulating against this high-handed procedure. He remarked that in the regulations for government and the laws of equity imprisonment has been laid down as the proper instrument for testing the seditious tendencies of the accused. Man is a strange talisman, and a riddle which baffles solution. Any person should not be killed for a single fault that might come to light, for this lofty edifice of humanity cannot be set up again except by the hand of God. Hence wise administrators have not approved of haste in awarding capital punishment1.

#### Hemistich

For a severed head cannot be joined again.

In fine, <u>Dh</u>ūlfiqār <u>Kh</u>ān's heirs were greatly perturbed by his being put to death, and as the Shāh did not show them any kindness, <u>Kh</u>ānlar fled from Irān, and came to India in the end of Emperor Jahāngīr's reign<sup>2</sup>. He entered royal service. The daughter of Ṣādiq <u>Kh</u>ān the

The account is based on Tārīkh 'Ālam Ārā'i 'Abbāsī by Iskandar Munshī, the famous history of the Ṣafavids.

<sup>2</sup> Bādshāhnāma, I, pt. i, p. 73. In the 5th year of Shāh Jahān's reign he was granted the rank of 1,000 with 600 horse, op. cit., p. 432.

brother-in-law of Yamīn-ud-Daulah was given to him in marriage. In the 6th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he received his ancestral title, and in the course of time was exalted to the rank of 3,000°. At the end of that reign he lived in retirement in Patna. When Prince Shujā after the battle of Khajūa fled and came to that city, he pressed for the marriage of Dhūlfiqār Khān's daughter with his eldest son Zain-ud-Dīn. In the 2nd year of Aurangzīb's reign, 1070 A.H. (1660 A.D.), he died of paralysis which had been the cause of his retirement. He was greatly skilled in understanding music and melody after the Persian style, and surpassed the best singers of Irān. His eldest son was Asad Khān Amīr-ul-Umarā whose account is given separately.

# DHULFIQAR-UD-DAULAH

(Vol. II, pp. 107-109).

His name was Mīrzā Najaf Khān Bahādur, and he was the brother of the wife of Mīrzā Muḥsin brother of Ṣafdar Jang. It is stated that from his mother's side he was connected with the Ṣafavī family. As Shujā'-ud-Daulah had sent for Mīrzā Najaf Khān's sister's son Muḥammad Qulī Khān—who had accompanied the reigning Sovereign Shāh 'Alam Bahādur on his expedition to Patna—and killed him's, Najaf Khān became alarmed, and went all alone to Qāsim 'Alī Khān the Governor of Bengāl. The said Khān received him kindly, and provided him with tents etc., such as senior officers had, and sent him against the hat-wearers (the English). As his campaign was un-

- 1 Op. cit., p. 476, where the grant of the title of Dhulfiqar Khan is recorded.
  - 2 'Amal Sālih, III, p. 452.
  - 3 Maāthir-i-Alamgiri, p. 27.
- 4 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 310-321, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 270-279.
- 5 See Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1894 edn.), p. 270 under Muhammad Quli Khān.

successful, he returned to Qasim 'Alī Khan. Later when Qasim 'Alī Khān relying on Shujā'-ud-Daulah's oath resolved to enter the royal service, Mīrzā Najaf Khān strongly dissuaded him saying that his oaths could not be trusted. As he would not hearken Najaf Khan separated from him. He went and settled in the country of Hindu Pat Bundēla. Later he presented himself before the Emperor, and was appointed Faujdar of Karra Manikpur. Gradually he rose to the post of the Mir Bakhshi. Afterwards, he girt up his loins and set about collecting a force. He for a long time exerted himself to exterminate the Jats-who had taken possession of Agra and had extended their depredations as far as Delhi, and owing to their strong and well fortified forts they were not afraid of anyone. Later, in attendance on the royal stirrups he hurried to chastise Dābita Khān son of Najīb Khān Rōhila, and after the latter's flight confiscated his dwellings. In the year 1192 A.H. (1778 A.D.), when the Emperor proceeded towards Nārnōl, he in accordance with the orders went and joined the royal suite. When after the disposal of the affairs of the Raja of Ambar the Emperor returned to the Capital, he was permitted to go home. At the time of writing he was engaged in besieging Alwar, in the Saba of Akbarabad, which was in the hands of one of the insurgents. Although he is not possessed of much means, he has a large and well trained force under him. Whatever he gets, he shares it with his followers, and for this reason is greatly respected by them. In the year 1193 A.H. (1779 A.D.) when the reigning sovereign became displeased with Majd-ud-Daulah, he handed him over to Najaf Khān. At present all State affairs have been assigned to him, and he is the sole arbiter of the affairs of the Kingdom1.

<sup>1</sup> See Beale, op. cit., p. 289 for a short biography of Najaf Khān. The accounts in Keene, Fall of the Mogbul Empire (1887 edn.), pp. 129-133 and Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of the Mughal Empire, III, pp. 191-230, may be consulted for fuller details. Keene gives the date of his death as 26th April, 1782, but Sarkar, p. 227, gives 6th April, 1782 as the date of his death. He also remarks that "with him departed the last hope of Mughals in India."

# <u>DH</u>OLQADAR <u>KH</u>AN TURKAMAN (Vol. II, pp. 84, 85).

His name was Pīrī Aqa, and he was one of the officials who were appointed to the Kabul Dominion. In the 11th year of the reign of Emperor Shāh Jahān, when 'Alī Mardān Khān the Commandant of the Qandahar fort becoming suspicious of the ruler of Iran represented the matter to the royal court, Sa'id Khan, the Governor of Kabul in compliance with the royal orders sent Piri Aqa1 to him for making enquiries. He marched rapidly to the place, and returned with a petition from 'Alī Mardān Khān and some of his officers, and made his obeisance to the Emperor at Akbarābād. As a reward he was promoted to the rank2 of 1,500. When after 'Alī Mardān Khān's arrival the government of Kashmir was assigned to him, Dhulqadar Khān also was appointed to that Sāba, and in the 13th year at the recommendation of that officer was granted an increase of 100 in his rank. Later, during the time when the Emperor visited Kashmīr, he was exalted by promotion to the rank of 1,500 foot with 1,000 horse, and the gift of a horse. In the 14th year he was granted an increase of 200 horse, and in the 15th year his rank was advanced to 2,000 foot with 4,600 horse. Later, he was appointed Governor of Ghaznin<sup>4</sup>, and in the 17th year he was honoured with the grant of a flag. In the 19th year he accompanied Prince Murad Bakhsh who was sent for the conquest of Balkh and Badakhshan. In the 20th year he escorted6 the relatives and possessions of Nadhr Muhammad Khān to the royal court. He was appointed Commandant of the Kābul

<sup>1</sup> Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 28.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 94.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 166.

<sup>4</sup> The author has mixed up the account of his appointments and promotions. He was appointed Governor of Ghaznin in the 13th year, and his rank was increased by 500 with 400 horse to 1,500 with 1,000 horse op. cit., p. 200. In the 15th year he was promoted to the rank of 2,000 with 1,600 horse, op. cit., p. 270.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., p. 484.

<sup>·6</sup> Op. cit., p. 585.

fort<sup>1</sup>, and Lower Bangash was added to the fief of Upper Bangash which had already been granted to him. He was also promoted to the rank of 2,500, and received the present of a horse with a silver saddle. At the same time he was sent with 15 lakhs of rupees to Balkh for Prince Muḥammad Aurangzīb Bahādur. In the 21st year when the Prince started on his return journey to India, he was appointed to escort the treasure. At the time of crossing the ford of Badr<sup>2</sup> Hamīd a fight ensued with the Hazāra and Alāmān tribes. As a fearless fighter he did his best for the safeguarding of the treasure, and brought the treasure safely to Kābul with the help of Bahādur Khān Rōhila who had joined him with the rear-guard of the army. In the same year 1057 A.H. (1647 A.D.) he died.

#### **EPILOGUE<sup>3</sup>**

(Vol. III, pp. 973-979).

As through the grace of God this important work has been completed by inclusion of the histories of all important people, the perfect pen now turns to adding an explanation:—

#### Verse

Though I am a dimunitive pen, I am the dust of the feet of the good, It would not, however, be strange if I remain thirsty as I am a

mean reed.

in the form of an historical narrative of the writer. The name of this humble person is 'Abdul Hayy, and he was born in the year 1142 A.H. (1729-30 A.D.). After reaching the age of discretion he intermittently spent some time in schools to become literate. For some time he was learning propriety of conduct and behaviour, while

- 1 Op. cit., p. 594.
- 2 Badr Hamid is the name of the ford in Bādshāhnāma, II, p. 671, on which the account is based. The name of the ford is not given in the text.
- 3 This epilogue includes a brief auto-biography of 'Abdul Hayy, the junior author.

some time was also spent studying and practising medical treatises. In the year 1162 A.H. (1748-49 A.D.) he received a rank and the title of Khān, and was appointed Dīvān of the Berār Ṣūba and Mutsaddī (Superintendent) of that noble Prince Nāṣir Jang the Martyr's fiefs which were in that Ṣūba. During the time of Ṣalābat Jang he was appointed Governor of the town of Khajastabuniyād (Ḥaidarābād) and Commandant of the fort of Daulatābād.

When the unfortunate incident happened to his father, May he be pardoned! and fortune favoured the malevolents, this resulted in his remaining in concealment for a time, and despair seemed to hover round on all sides, but suddenly the munificent grace of the Nawāb Nizām-ul-Mulk Nizām-ud-Daulah was directed towards this unfortunate being, and he exalted him by favour of all kinds. At first he honoured him by restoration to his old rank and the grant of his ancestral title. Later by assigning him the charge of the Dīvānī of the Deccan Subas-which was his hereditary right-he made it possible for him to live on terms of equality with people of his rank. He made him share his councils and assemblies, and favoured and commended his actions both in battles and under difficult circum-At the time of writing he is honoured by being a companion and favourite of that great man who is unrivalled in all respects. He has been honoured by appointment to a suitable rank and has the title of Samsam-ul-Mulk1. In consonance with the latter he has adopted Sarim (A Sharp Sword) as his non-de-plume. A few verses of his composition are recorded on the white page: -

#### Verse

It is not easy to see your fire-like beauty.

The sun reflects as a mirror the grandeur of your face.

I See Beale's Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1894 edn.) under the account of his father Shahnawaz Khan, p. 366, where it is stated that he received the title of Samsam-ud-Daula Samsam Jang, and died on 28th April, 1782, For details see also <u>Khazāna' 'Amira</u> (Lithograph edn. Lucknow, 1871), pp. 296, 297.

His faults become virtues, when he meets with approval,

The burning fire is like the water of life to the Salamander

(Samandar).

How can a skilled person have peace under the heavens,

A round pearl does not resemble the physiognomy of a beloved
at rest.

The delineation of the edges of his lips produces ornamentation, Cornelian acquires a status after it is engraved.

So long as you are in meditation like a bud,

It is not possible to perceive hilarity.

Weak are not worried by the changing fortune,

River waves serve as the swimming paddles for reeds.

The fragrance of the perfume after use languishes from hour to hour

The worth of the little harmony of the fair, whatever it is, is doubtful.

The mirror since seeing the glory of the face of the beloved, Has applied collyrium of astonishment to its eyes. Do not be misled by the guile of the soft tongue, In the end water acts like an adze to the stone. He pulled his locks from my hand and went, I said I am your prey, but he gathered his net and left. At times he is careless, sometimes amorous, while again he is cruel.

He employs various arts for the murder of his lovers.

Wise use speech in accordance with the needs of the occasion,
As without a talk there is no echo from the high mountain.

My mad heart always yearns for its desire from your eyes,
The drunkard is already intoxicated, and still asks for another

drink.

Although the world is not a house of mourning every morning, Whoever he accosts strikes his head with his hands.

The heart becoming enamoured by its beauty became a prisoner of the dimple in her chin,

Finally the fairy took this infatuated lad into the well.

In the bending of his body old age signals the end:

A wall must fall when it is buckled.

Unfortunates do not understand the canons of keeping secrets,

If you utter a word it is echoed throughout the country.

The moods of delicates are upset by a breeze,

That is why the breeze is rustling tremblingly through the garden.

# Strophe

The rose affords protection to the thorn,

Do not take away the hand of kindness from your well-wisher.

In this world retribution follows all actions,

He who digs a well himself goes down first to its bottom.

O beloved! since you left the garden in my presence,

The hairs of all my eyelids have become thorns in the skirt of

my sight.

Do not, O! stone-hearted person! prevaricate by foolish talk, For no one derives any consolation from the echoes of a mountain.

Stature, that has become bent through age, is like an arch, Be afraid! if you treat age with discourtesy.

# Quatrain

He who seals his lips with the seal of respect,
Even his enemies are forced to keep silent.
O! silent lamp while you are in an assembly,
You should never fret over the tyranny of the scissors.
Do not neglect courtesy in your treatment of the public,
If you cannot do good, do not attempt to harm;
If like a rose you cannot please anyone's heart,
Do not be a thorn to scratch his skirt.
The world which has highways in all four directions
Its narrow lanes are all like hairs.

Do good while you pass through them,
As the only lasting memorial of a person is his good name.
When youth is passed and old age is come,
It is a shame to dye the white hairs black.
How long, O! you who are enjoying the sleep of forgetfulness.
For the night has ended and the light of morning has appeared.
The seal of the Prophet, how wonderful you are!
You who know its high dignity!
Like the personality of God which is without its compeer!
You are one of the created but are without an equal!
O great man', you who were favoured by the Prophet,
Your personality is like that of the noble personality of the
Prophet.

It is for this reason that no differentiation was made at Mecca, When you slept for a night in the place of the Prophet.

# APPENDIX

(MAJD-UD-DAULAH) 'ABDUL AḤAD  $\underline{\mathsf{KH}}\mathtt{AN}$ 

(Vol. III, pp. 807, 808).

His ancestors lived in Kashmīr. His father 'Abdul Majīd Khān migrated from his home, and spent the earlier years in the service of 'Ināyat Ullāh Khān². After his death he became a companion of I'timād-ud-Daulah Qamar-ud-Dīn Khān³, and entered the royal service. As he was a good accountant, he was during the reign of Emperor Muḥammad Shāh and after the expedition of Nādir Shāh promoted to the high office of the Dīvān of Khālṣa and Tan, and had the rank of 6,000 with 6,000 horse, and received the gift of a flag, a drum,

Apparently the reference is to 'Alī, who at the time of Hijrat was left as the representative of the Prophet.

<sup>2</sup> Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 828-832, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 680-682.

<sup>3</sup> Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, I, pp. 358-361, translation antea, pp. 488-491.

and a fringed palanquin, and was exalted by the title of Majd-ud-Daulah<sup>1</sup> Bahadur. He had two sons. One was Muhammad Parast Khān who died early in life. The other was 'Abdul Ahad Khān', who gained a place in the affections of the then Emperor Shah 'Alam Bahadur, and as a result all affairs of the State were decided according to his opinion. He received his father's title, and held a high rank. In the year 1193 A.H. (1779 A.D.) he went with one of the princes<sup>3</sup> -who was deputed as a torah (Emblem of Authority)-towards Sirhind. As the affair there did not progress satisfactorily he with the concurrence of the Prince had to make shameful retreat before the Sikhs who had collected to assist Amar Singh, the Zamindar of Patiāla. On this account the Emperor was displeased with him. As he and Dhulfiqar-ud-Daulah Mīrzā Najaf Khān were already not on good terms, the Emperor handed him over to Dhulfiqar-ud-Daulah. At the time of writing he was in prison, and his house and property had been confiscated, but his fief was not resumed.

# (QUTB-UL-MULK SAIYID) 'ABDULLAH KHAN' (Vol. III, pp. 130-140)

His name was Ḥasan 'Alī, and he was the Prime Minister of Emperor Farrukh Siyar. His brother Saiyid Ḥusain 'Alī Khān was the Amīr-ul-Umarā; his account has been written separately. Quebul-Mulk had the title of Khān during Emperor Aurangzīb's reign,

- I See Beale, Oriental Biographical Dictionary (1881), p. 6. He was, according to this author appointed 3rd Bakhshi in 1748 A.D., and died in 1752 A.D.
- 2 See Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of the Moghul Emperor, III, pp. 88, 89, 107-109, 172-189. His full title was Majd-ud-Daulah Bahrām Jang.
- 3 Prince Farkhunda Bakht. For a detailed account of Majd-ud-Daulah's campaign against the Sikhs see Sir Jadunath Sarkar, op. cit., pp. 172-182.
- 4 See Irvine, Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, LXV, p. 176, 177; Later Mughals, II, pp. 96-101.
- 5 Maātbir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 321-338, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 628-639.

and was the Faujdar of Nandurbar and Sultanpur in Baglana. Later he was in-charge of Aurangābād.

When Prince Muhammad Mu'izz-ud-Dīn, son of Shāh 'Alam, was appointed by Emperor Aurangzīb Governor of Multān, Hasan 'Alī Khān was deputed on the Prince's stirrups, but he did not get on with the Prince, and becoming disappointed returned to Lahore1. After the death of Emperor Aurangzib, when Shah 'Alam's standards reached Lāhōre from Peshāwar, Hasan 'Alī Khān was raised to the rank of 3,000, granted a drum, and appointed Bakhshi of the new force. In the battle with Muhammad A'zam Shāh he was in the vanguard of the force of Muhammad Mu'izz-ud-Din, which constituted the vanguard of the army of Shah 'Alam. After the battle started, Hasan 'Alī Khān, Husain 'Alī Khān, and their third brother Nūr-ud-Dīn 'Alī Khān, according to the rule of battle adopted by the brave warriors of India, dismounted from elephants, and advancing with the force of Barah Saiyids engaged in fighting at close quarters. Nür-ud-Din 'Ali Khan was killed, and the other brothers were wounded2, but they gained the glory of victory. Hasan 'Alī Khān was raised to the rank of 4,000, and appointed Governor of Ajmer. Later he was promoted to the governorship of Allāhābād3.

When Muḥammad Mu'izz-ud-Dīn succeeded to the sovereignty, the governorship of Allāhābād was assigned to Rajī Khān, and Saiyid Ḥasan 'Alī Khān was removed from that office. Saiyid Ābdul Ghafār, a grandson of Saiyid Ṣadr-us-Ṣadūr of Paihānī went towards Allāhābād to act as the deputy of Rajī Khān. Saiyid Ḥasan 'Alī Khān started with a force to oppose him, and a battle took place near Allāhābād. Saiyid 'Abdul Ghafār was defeated after an initial success, and turned back. Muḥammad Mu'izz-ud-Dīn, on account of his negligence and love of luxury did not take any steps to amend matters.

I See Irvine, Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, LXV, p. 176, and note 3, and Later Mughals, I, pp. 203-205.

<sup>2</sup> Later Mughals, I, pp. 31, 34.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 205.

Rather he tried to conciliate Saiyid Hasan 'Alī Khān, and sent a royal order confirming him as the Governor of Allāhābād, and advancing his rank. But his brother Saiyid Husain 'Alī Khān, the Governor of 'Azīmābad, Patna-who was well known for his great bravery, sedateness and firmness-made a compact with Muhammad Farrukh Siyar, as has been detailed in his account, and tried to induce his elder brother Hasan 'Alī Khān also to join him. Hasan 'Alī Khān was not won over by the flattery of Muhammad Mu'izz-ud-Dīn, who, he knew, disliked him from the time when he was the Governor of Multan, and heartily espoused Farrukh Siyar's cause1, and begged him to advance towards Allāhābād. At this juncture Muḥammad Farrukh Siyar regarded the alliance of these brave brothers with large contingents a good augury for his success, and marching from Patna reached Allāhābād. Having confirmed in person the compact with Hasan 'Alī Khān, he made him hopeful of increased favours, and appointing him the leader of the vanguard marched forwards.

'Izz-ud-Dīn, the eldest son of Muhammad Mu'izz-ud-Dīn was deputed under the guardianship of Khwaja Husain, known as the Khān Daurān, from Shāhjahānābād (Delhī) to oppose Muḥammad Farrukh Siyar. He arrived at Khajua, a dependency of Allahabad, and waited for the enemy. As soon as Muhammad Farrukh Siyar's army approached, 'Izz-ud-Din without even a skirmish with the enemy took to flight at midnight. The force of Muhammad Farrukh Siyar was in great distress and very poorly equipped, but it was able to gain large quantities of supplies by plundering the camp of 'Izz-ud-Dīn'. It now advanced to near Akbarābād (Āgra). Muhammad Mu'izzud-Dīn also left the Capital (Delhī), and came to Agra. He was meditating the crossing of Jumna, when Hasan 'Alī Khan anticipated him by crossing the Jumna near the Sera's of Rozbihani four kos from Muhammad Farrukh Siyar also crossed after him, but most of his followers through distress and lack of supplies had left him, and only a limited number crossed with him. On 13th Dhu'l Hijja

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 207-209.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 213-219.

1123 A.H.¹ (11th January, 1712 A.D.) a battle took place between the forces, and Farrukh Siyar was victorious. Muḥammad Mu¹izzud-Dīn changed his appearance², and went off towards Delhī. In this battle both the brothers greatly distinguished themselves. Ḥusain ʿAlī Khān the younger brother, received many wounds, and fell down in the field. After the victory Ḥasan ʿAlī Khān, the elder brother, rapidly marched towards the Capital, and the Emperor (Farrukh Siyar) also arrived in Delhī after a week. Ḥasan ʿAlī Khān was appointed to the rank of 7,000 with 7,000 horse, granted the title of Saiyid ʿAbdullāh Khān Quṭb-ul-Mulk Bahādur Yār Wafādār Zafar Jang, and appointed Prime Minister³.

When the rise of the two brothers exceeded all expectations, envious people strove to disrupt them, and by absurd insinuations prejudiced the Emperor's mind. It resulted in both the brothers confining themselves to their houses, and fortifying them they prepared for battle. The Emperor's mother, who showed friendship for both the brothers, and had old relations with them, came to Qutb-ul-Mulk's residence, and renewed oaths and promises<sup>4</sup>. Both the brothers returned to service, and there was an exchange of friendly grievances. For a short time there was peace, but interested people again prejudiced the Emperor. The company became more and more disagreeable from day to day, and discord, which uproots established kingdoms, increased. At last Amīr-ul-Umarā was appointed Governor of the Deccan, and Qutb-ul-Mulk giving himself to pleasure and enjoyment left the reins of premiership<sup>5</sup> in the hands of Rāja Ratan

I The year in the text is wrongly given as 1123 A.H. instead of 1124 A.H.—see Irvine, op. cit., p. 229. The date according to the Christian era should be 11th January and not 10th as given in the work cited, for it was a Wednesday as given in <u>Khāfī Khān</u>, II, p. 721, though the year is incorrectly given as 1123 A.H. in the latter work.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 236.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 258.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 295-301.

Chand. I'tiqad Khan Kashmiri became the Emperor's confidant and companion; and the plan for the destruction of the Saiyids became generally known. Qutb-ul-Mulk wrote to the Amīr-ul-Umarā that things had got out of hand, and that he should return before mischief occurred to honour and life. The latter started in great pomp from the Deccan, and encamped in the neighbourhood of Delhi. He sent a message to the Emperor that unless the management of the fort was entrusted to him, he was afraid of making his obeisance. The Emperor made over the duties connected with the fort to the agents of the Amīr-ul-Umarā, and the latter after strengthening it paid his respects to the Emperor. On 8th Rabi II (17th February, 1719 A.D.) with the object of having a second interview he drew up his forces, and entering the city took up his quarters in the house of Shayista Qutb-ul-Mulk and Mahārāja Ajit Singh went to the fort, and as on the first day set about making arrangements in the fort. They took possession of the keys of the fort, and spent that day and night there. The citizens did not know what had happened in the fort during the night. When it became morning, the news of the murder of Qutb-ul-Mulk gained currency, and the Emperor's troops drawn up from all sides proposed to attack the Amīr-ul-Umarā. The latter sent a message to Qutb-ul-Mulk that there was no time for delay, and that it was necessary to put (the Emperor) out of the way. Consequently on 9th Rabi' II, 1131. A. H. (18th February, 1719 A. D.) Qutb-ul-Mulk imprisoned the Emperor2, and bringing out Rafi'-ud-Darajāt, son of Rafi'-ush-Shān, son of Shāh 'Alam from the prison placed him on the throne. The news of his accession quieted the tumult that had broken out in the city. Rafi'-ud-Darajāt was suffering from consumption during the time of his imprisonment. When he inherited the Kingdom, he gave up necessary care, and as a result died after three months and some days. According to his will his

<sup>1</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 339-346, Beveridge & Prashad's translation, I, pp. 709-714; also see Later Mughals, I, pp. 340-342.

<sup>2</sup> Later Mughals, I, pp. 376-391.

elder brother Rafī'-ud-Daula was placed on the throne, and styled Shāh Jahān II. After some time Nekū Siyar entered the Āgrā fort. Amīr-ul-Umarā marched quickly with the Emperor, and reduced the fort¹. Suddenly there was another disturbance in that Jai Singh Siwāī sounded the drum of opposition. Qutb-ul-Mulk with Emperor Shāh Jahān II hastened to Fatḥpūr Sīkrī to put down Jai Singh, but made peace with him. Shāh Jahān II also died of diarrhoea after three months and some days². Consequently Raushan Akhtar, son of Jahān Shāh, son of Shāh 'Ālam was brought from the Capital, and on 15th Dhul Qa'da 1131 A. H. (18th September, 1719) was placed on the throne with the title of Muḥammad Shāh³.

Glory be to God! Though the Saiyids themselves did not claim the Sovereignty, and placed Timurid descendants on the throne, yet the way they behaved towards Muhammad Farrukh Siyar proved their undoing. They were not able to spend a moment in peace or have a single breath in tranquility. Rivers of strife flooded from all sides, and the signs of the decay of their dynasty developed. News was received that in the beginning of Rajab 1132 A. H. (May, 1720 A.D.) Nawāb Nizām-ul-Mulk Viceroy of Mālwa had crossed the Narbada, and had taken possession of the fort of Asir and the city of Burhanpūr4. The Amīr-ul-Umarā sent his Bakhshī Saiyid Dilāwar Khān with a large force against Nawab Nizām-ul-Mulk, but Dilawar Khan was killed in the battle. Saiyid 'Alam 'Alī Khan, the Deputy governor of the Deccan, who was an impetuous young man, fought with the Nizām and bravely sacrificed his life. The Amīrul-Umara started with the Emperor for the Deccan, and Qutb-ul-Mulk after accompanying (the Emperor) for four kos from Agra towards Fathpur took leave, and on 19th Dhul Qa'da (11th September,

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 404-428.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 429-432.

<sup>3</sup> Later Mughals, II, p. 1. The date, according to the Christian era, as given in this work is one day less than the correct date.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 23-25.

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., pp. 28-34.

1720 A. D.) left with several Amīrs for Delhī1. He had not arrived, when on 7th Dhul Hijja (29th September, 1720 A. D.) news of the assassination2 of the Amīr-ul-Umarā greatly weakened his power. Quțb-ul-Mulk wrote to his younger brother Saiyid Najm-ud-Dīn 'Alī Khān, who was in-charge of Delhī, to place one of the princes on the throne. On 15th Dhul Hijja 1132 A. H. (7th October, 1720 A. D.) Sulțān Ibrāhīm, son of Rafī-ush-Shān, son of Shāh 'Alam was consequently placed3 on the throne of Delhi. After two days Qutbul-Mulk also arrived, and took steps to conciliate the old and new officers, and arranged for raising an army. All that he had collected during the period of his premiership, both cash and valuables—and the amount of which is known only to God—he spent on the army and his friends. He said, "If I live, I will recover it, but if providence wills otherwise, why should I let it fall into the hands of others." On the 17th of the said month (9th October) he marched from the Capital to fight, and on 13th Muharram 1733 A. H. (3rd, November, 1720 A. D.) he reached the village of Hasanpur. On the 14th a battle took place3. Muhammad Shāh's artillery under the command of Haidar Quli Khan Mir Atish came into action. The Barah Saiyids exposing their breasts to the fire repeatedly attacked, but owing to the discordance of fate these proved useless. By nightfall Qutb-ul-Mulk's forces had been dissipated by the continuous fire of guns of all types, and in the morning only a limited number were left with Qutb-ul-Mulk. When the sun rose from the east, Muḥammad Shāh's forces started to attack, and a hot engagement took place. Many of the Saiyids were killed, and Saiyid Najm-ud-Dīn 'Alī Khān was severely wounded. Qutb-ul-Mulk threw himself down from his elephant. He had received an arrow wound on his

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 52. On p. 66 the date of his leaving the imperial camp for Delhi is given as 12th Dhul Qa'da

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 66.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., p. 76, but the date of the coronation is incorrectly given as 15th October, 1720.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 85-93.

forehead, and a sword wound on his arm. Haidar Qulī Khān with a force attacked him, and capturing him put him on his own elephant. Later he brought him before the Emperor, who granted him his life, and placed him under the charge of Haidar Quli Khan. For a time he languished in the royal prison, but at last he was poisoned. At first his servant gave him the bezoar stone, and by profuse vomiting he got rid of the poison. Next day the Emperor's eunuch brought a pill of deadly poison. Qutb-ul-Mulk made fresh ablution, and sat facing the Qibla, and said "O God! you know that I am not taking this unlawful remedy of my own accord." As soon as he swallowed the pill, his condition changed, and he resigned his soul to his Maker. This happened on the last day of Dhul Hijja1, 1135 A.H. (19th September, 1723 A.D.). His tomb2 in Delhi is a shrine for visitors. He was responsible for the canal of Patpurganj in Delhī-which for lack of water was like the Karbalā-in 1127 A.H. (1715 A.D.) Qutb-ul-Mulk had a canal cut from the main canal of Shāh Jahān, and provided abundant water in that quarter. The deceased Mir 'Abdul Jalil of Bilgram wrote: -

### Quatrain

Through the goodness and generosity of Qutb-ul-Mulk 'Abdullāh Khān

That great Vazīr provided a canal of pure water, For this 'Abdul Jalīl Wāstī said the date:

The canal of Qutb-ul-Mulk, the extension of bounty and kindness

(Nahr Qutb-ul-Mulk mad bahr aḥsān u karam: 1127 A.H.; 1715 A.D.). The same learned man also wrote a poem (mathnawī) in his praise:—

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., pp. 95, 96. The date of his death is given there as "1st Muharram 1135 A. H. (October 11,1722)", but if this Hijri date is correct, it should be 12th October, 1722).

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 96.

### Verse

He is an Aristotle, and for wisdom like Āṣaf,
'Abdullāh Khān is the Fortune of the State (Yamīn-ud-Daula).
When he sits in the Council, he is like a new spring.
When he goes to the battlefield he is Dhulfiqār¹.

# ('UMDAT-UL-MULK) AMĪR KHĀN MĪR ISḤĀQ (Vol. II, pp. 839-841).

He was the son of Amīr Khān Mīr Mīrān². At first he had the title of 'Azīz Ullāh Khān. He performed valuable services with Muḥammad Farrukh Siyar in the battle³ against Jahāndār Shāh. After the victory, he was appointed Qūrbēgī⁴ (head of the Artillery) and Superintendent of the Tōsha-khāna (Royal stores). In the second year of Emperor Muḥammad Shāh's reign when Ḥusain 'Alī Khān started with the Emperor for the Deccan, he⁵ with Quṭb-ul-Mulk started for Shāhjahānābād (Delhī). Later when Quṭb-ul-Mulk taking Sulṭān Ibrahim with him started to fight with the royal forces, the said Khān was in the vanguard. After Quṭb-ul-Mulk's arrest he took shelter in a garden. During this time as he heard that Sulṭān Ibrāhīm in a wretched state was wandering about in that area, he

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., p. 100.

<sup>2</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, I, pp. 277-287, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 246-253.

<sup>3</sup> Battle near Agra, 13th Dhul Hijjah 1124 A.H., 11th January, 1713 A.D. The date of the battle is given as 10th January in Cambridge History of India, IV, p. 328, but the Hijri date Wednesday, 13th Dhul Hijjah 1124, as given in Khāfī Khān, II, p. 721, and Later Mughals, I, p. 229, would be 11th and not 10th January both according to Wustenfeld-Mahler (Leipzig, 1926) and Sir Wolseley Haig's Comparative Tables of Muhammadan and Christian Dates (London, 1932), and this is correct in view of Wednesday being the 11th of January.

<sup>4</sup> Irvine, Later Mughals, I, p. 260.

<sup>5</sup> Later Mughals, II, p. 52.

brought him to the garden, and sent information about him to Emperor<sup>1</sup>. He took the said Sultan with him, and became the recipient of exceptional favours. In the said reign he for a time held the post of the 3rd Bakhshī. As the Emperor was naturally disposed to neglecting business, and leading a life of pleasure, Amīr Khān's pleasant conversation being so much to his taste, became the passport for his advancement, and he was always present in the royal assemblies2. In time he was appointed to a select office, and receiving the title of 'Umdat-ul-Mulk became the point of envy for his peers. As the Emperor paid no attention whatsoever to State affairs, other officials attributing it to Amīr Khān's intrigues, tried by representing strongly to the Emperor to remove him from the Court. Consequently he was appointed Governor of Allahabad. In the year 1152 A.H. (1739-40 A.D.) he left for that province. In 1156 A.H. (1743-44 A.D.) he in obedience to summons returned to the Court, and received further royal favours. In accordance with his request Safdar Jang, Governor of Oudh-with whom he was on terms of great intimacy—was summoned to the Presence, and appointed Superintendent of the Artillery3. The two together took Emperor Muhammad Shah on a campaign against 'Ali Muhammad Khān Röhilla—whose account has been separately given. As a result of the opposition of I'timad-ud-Daula Qamar-ud-Din Khan, however, the affair was unsuccessful. In those days it was the general belief that he would be appointed Vazīr. On 23rd Dhul Hijjah 1159 A.H. (26th December, 1746 A.D.) he was, in obedience to summons, going to the Darbar, when on reaching the door of the

r For a more detailed account based on other contemporary sources see Later Mughals, II, pp. 93, 94.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 295.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of the Mughal Empire, I, pp. 33-36.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 57-62.

<sup>5</sup> Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 841-843, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 194-196.

Dīwān-i-Khās, one of the newly appointed attendants killed¹ him with a dagger. He was well known for his powers of repartee and jests. Since becoming a favourite of the Emperor he did not care for anyone. He was very artful. He also composed poems, and his nom-de-plume was Anjām. The following verse is by him:—

#### Verse

I did not gain anything from the assembly of tranquils, Except for a brick no other pillow brings me rest during sleep.

# (SIRĀJ-UD-DAULAH) ANWAR-UD-DĪN <u>KH</u>ĀN BAHĀDUR ZAFAR JANG

(Vol. II, pp. 527-530).

He was the son of Anwar-ud-Din Khan Bahadur Shahamat Jang. The latter's father Haji Anwar as pesh namaz (leader at the time of prayers) was personally known to Emperor Aurangzib. The home of his ancestors was in Gopamau in Oudh, and the real name of Shahāmat Jang was Shaikh Khān Jahān. It is stated that when he presented himself for appointment before Emperor Aurangzīb, the Emperor changed his name to Jan Jahan, and giving him the rank of 400 appointed him Amin (commissioner) for the jiziya (poll-tax) in the Sarkar of Gulbarga, and afterwards in the Sarkar of Sangamnir. At that time Khwaja Muhammad Amanat Khan was Faujdar of Sangamnīr, and the two became fast friends. Later when Amanat Khān was appointed Mutsaddī (Superintendent) of the port of Sūrat, the Khān was sent as the Commissioner of jiziya for that port, and also appointed the Mint Master. In the time of Emperor Bahadur Shah he received an increase in rank and the title of Anwar-ud-Din Khān. When Amānat Khān went to Mālwa, and fought a battle

r See Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Fall of the Mughal Empire, I, pp. 38, 39. The date of his death in the work according to the Old Style as 25th December, 1746, is one day less than the date given above.

with Raja Musallam Khan, Anwar-ud-Din distinguished himself by his good service, as a result of which Amanat Khan appointed him his Mukhtar (manager). When Amanat Khan was appointed Governor of the province of Haidarābād, he was made his Dīvān for the province. When after the death of I'timad-ud-Daula Muhammad Amīn Khān Bahādur Āsaf Jāh went to the Capital, he accompanied him, and, after reaching the Presence, was through Asaf Jah's help appointed Faujdar of Korah Jahanabad in the province of Allahabad. Afterwards he was removed from there. He went to Asaf Jah, who after reaching the Deccan had been victorious in a battle with Mubāriz Khān. At first he was Deputy-governor of Haidarābād, and later Faujdar of Sikakol (Chicacole) and finally for the second time Deputy-governor of Farkhanda-buniyad (Haidarabad). He bravely fought with Maratha armies, who had invaded the territory, and managed to drive them back. After some years he was appointed Faujdar of Karnātik (Carnatic) in the province of Haidarābād, and managed to straighten its affairs by punishing the seditious Zamindars of the territory. During the time of Nasir Jang, the title of Shahamat Jang was added to his honours. Later Muzaffar Jang suddenly appeared in his territory, and out of loyalty Anwar-ud-Din came forward to oppose him. In the year 1162 A.H. (1749 A.D.) he bravely laid down his life in a battle. He was a brave, good, and liberal man, and was a master of Sufistic doctrines. He had great faith in fagirs. His eldest son, who was in his native country, and was called Sadr-ul-Islam Khan, never came to the Deccan. The second son Muhammad Mahfūz Khān Bahādur who in the time of Salabat Jang had the title of Shahamat Jang, was for a time Faujdar of Köhīr2 in the Haidarābād province. He was also for a time in Arkāt (Arcot). His brother Sirāj-ud-Daulah used to give him a lac of rupees every year. On the occasion of going to Mecca he visited Haidar

<sup>1</sup> Elliott's History, VHI, p 391.

<sup>2</sup> See Khāfi Khān, II, pp. 313, 315. The place is west-north-west of Haidarābād and south of Bidar.

'Alī, the ruler of Seringāpatam. He took an army from him, and attacked the fort of Trichnopoly, which belonged to Sirāj-ud-Daulah, but was taken a prisoner in the battle. For a long time he was kept under restraint in that fort. He died two or three years before this account was written. He was a learned man. The third was Sirājud-Daulah who has been mentioned above. His real name was Muhammad 'Alī. After the death of his father he received the title of Khān in Nāṣir Jang's time, and made several efforts to secure employment. After the martyrdom of Nāṣir Jang he made friends with the hat-wearers of Chinapatan (Madras)—who are English—and after some time when they deafeated the hat-weaters of the port of Phulcherry (Pondicherry)-who are French-he rose high. By his astuteness (sair fikrī) he gained access1 to the English King-who is in Europe—by means of letters (iblāgbnāma), messages and gifts, and became very intimate with the officials of Madras port. By showing them great consideration, and exciting their hopes he took possession of the whole of Karnātik; and by this means acquired much wealth. At the recommendation of the hat-wearers he received from the reigning sovereign (of Delhī) the title of Amīr-ul-Hind Wālā Jāh. He2 is very kind to the poor. His eldest son, who has the title of 'Umdat-ul-Umara, is a pleasant man with good understanding, although he is not on good terms with his father. He greatly appreciates men of merit. His verses in Urdū are well known. The following verse is his:

### Verse

So long as times separate me or not from you,
Others' actions matter not, but may not Almighty do so.
Other sons of his have risen to suitable ranks and titles. One of his

<sup>1</sup> A letter of his to Emperor George III is preserved in the British Museum, London, see Rieu, I, p. 403a.

<sup>2</sup> He is Muḥammad 'Alī whom Burke immortalised in his speech on the "Nabob of Arcot's debts".

brothers is 'Abdul Wahāb, who at the time of writing is the Ta'luqdār of Nellore and Sarvāpāllī in the Karnātic. The second was Najīb Ullāh Khān who is dead.

# (MĪRZĀ RĀJA) BAHĀDUR SINGH<sup>1</sup> (Vol. III, pp. 360, 361).

He was the son of Raja Man Singh. During Emperor Akbar's reign he attained the rank of 1,000, and in the 1st year after the accession of Emperor Jahangir his rank was increased to 1,500. In the 3rd year he was promoted to the rank of 2,000 foot with 2,000 horse<sup>8</sup>. After the news of the death of Raja Man Singh was received by the Emperor, and in spite of the Rajpūt custom, accordding to which Mahā Singh son of Jagat Singh—who was the eldest son of Raja Man Singh-should have succeeded him, the Emperor, out of his regard for Bahadur Singh, summoned him to the Presence, granted him the title of Mīrzā Rāja, appointed him to the rank of 4,000 foot with 3,000 horse, and assigned to him the chiefship of that tribe4. In the 10th year he returned to his country5. In the 11th year he was granted a Turra (crest or plume) for his curban6. In the 12th year his rank was increased by 1,000 foot, and he was appointed to the Deccan campaign<sup>8</sup>. In the 16th year of Emperor Jahangir's reign, corresponding to the year 1030 A.H. (1620-21 A.D.) he died. Although his elder brother Jagat Singh and Mahā

- 1 According to Tūzuk-i-lahāngīrī his name was Bhāō Singh, and this name is also adopted in Blochmann's translation of A'īn, I (2nd edn.), pp. 363, 543. On the second page the author refers to the omission of his name in Akbarnāma and also in Brooke's Political History of the State of Jeypore.
  - 2 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri, 1, p. 24.
- 3 Op. cit., p. 140, but the rank after promotion is given there as 2,000 with 1,000 horse.
  - 4 Op. cit., p. 266.

5 Op. cit., p. 268.

6 Op. cit., p. 329.

7 Op. cit., p. 372.

8 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzuk, II, p. 108. This was in the 14th year.

9 Op. cit., pp. 218, 219.

Singh, his brother's son, had both lost their lives through overindulgence in drinking, he did not profit from their example, and sacrificed his sweet life for the bitter beverage. He was a handsome and dignified young man, and was very good natured.

# (SHĀH) FA<u>KH</u>R-UD-DĪN (Vol. II, pp. 556, 557).

He was a Mūsavī of Mashhad, and his father's name was Mīr In the year 961 A.H. (1553-54 A.D.) he came to India in attendance on the stirrups of Emperor Humayun, and as a result of his excellent service became a favourite of the Emperor. When Emperor Akbar ascended the throne, he was raised to the dignity of an officer. In the 9th year he rendered good service with the army that was sent to pursue 'Abdullah Khan Uzbeg. In the 16th year he was deputed with the force, which was sent as a vanguard under the command of Khān Kalān towards Gujarāt. When the Emperor reached Patan, Gujarāt, he sent<sup>2</sup> Shāh Fakhr-ud-Dīn with royal farmans to I'timad Khan and Mir Abū Turab, who had constantly been sending representations urging for a campaign in Gujarat. met Mîr Abū Turāb on the way, and with him went to I'timād Khān in Gujarat, and setting his mind at rest by comforting promises brought him to the Emperor. Later he was seconded to the province of Gujarāt as an auxiliary3 of Khān A'zam Kōka. Later, on some occasion he came to the Court, and was sent with the officers who went in advance of the rapid march to Gujarat. Afterwards he was exalted by appointment as Governor of Ujjain, and honoured by grant of the title of Naqabat Khan. In the 24th year he was appointed

<sup>1</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, II, p. 225, Beveridge's translation, II, p. 346.

<sup>2</sup> Akbarnāma, Text, III, pp. 5, 6, Beveridge's translation, III, pp. 8, 9.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Text, p. 11, translation, p. 16.

Governor<sup>1</sup> of Patan, Gujarāt, in succession to Tarsūn Muḥammad Khān. He had the rank of an Amīr of 2,000<sup>2</sup>.

# GHĀZĪ-UD-DĪN KHĀN³ BAHĀDUR GHĀLIB JANG (Vol. II, pp. 879-882).

Generally known as Kosa or Goat-beard, his name was Ahmad Bēg, and he was the foster-brother of Sultān Mu'izz-ud-Dīn4. His ancestors' home was in Tūrān. At first he was in the service of Sultan Mu'izz-ud-Din. When the financial and administrative affairs of the State were assigned to 'Alī Murād-who was also a foster-brother of the Sultan, and during his reign received the title of Khān Jahān Bahādur—Ahmad Bēg becoming disgusted with the service resigned. He took up service under Sultan 'Azīm-ush-Shan, and being appointed to an office he was sent to Bengal with Sultan Muhammad Farrukh Siyar, who was in-charge there as his father's deputy. When after Emperor Bahadur Shah's death Sultan 'Azim-ush-Shan was also killed, and Muhammad Farrukh Siyar determined to gain sovereignty, Ahmad Beg was appointed to suitable rank, granted the title of Ghāzī-ud-Dīn Khān, and deputed to collect an army and conciliate the people. Meanwhile Farrukh Siyar's lucky move, which resulted in Saiyids 'Abdullah Khan and Husain 'Alī Khan taking his side, materialised. To conciliate his new partisans, he dismissed Ahmad Beg from his rank, deprived him of his title, and forbade him from attendance at the Court. Later, when he was victorious over

<sup>1</sup> Op. cit., Text, pp. 263, 264, translation, p. 382. His title in the text is Naqābat Khān, as in *Ṭabaqāt-i-Akbari* but in Akbarnāma it is Naqīb Khān and this has been followed.

<sup>2</sup> See Blochmann's translation of A'in, I (2nd edn.) p. 445. He probably died in 986 A.H. (1578-79 A.D.) vide. Tabaqāt-i-Akbari De's Text, II, p. 436, translation, II, p. 663.

<sup>3</sup> For his account also see Irvine, Later Mughals, I, pp. 266, 267.

<sup>4</sup> Emperor Jahandar Shah.

<sup>5</sup> Later Mughals, I, p. 201.

<sup>6</sup> For a detailed account see Later Mughals, I, pp. 205-209.

his uncle Jahandar Shah, and his supporters received favours in the way of ranks and titles, Ahmad Beg also was exalted by promotion to the rank of 6,000 foot with 5,000 horse, the title of Ghāzī-ud-Dīn Khān Bahādur Ghalib Jang, and appointed 3rd Bakhshī. Later when a storm of dissension broke out between the Emperor and the Bārah Saiyids, he became well known as a supporter of the Emperor2. After the arrest of the said Emperor, Qutb-ul-Mulk appreciating his merits made him his ally, and after Husain 'Alī Khān started with Emperor Muḥammad Shāh for the Deccan from Akbarābād (Āgra), Qutbul-Mulk, who returned to the Capital, took Ghāzī-ud-Dīn Bahādur Ghālib Jang with him. Later, when the affairs took a different turn, and the blue heavens took on a fresh colour, and Qutb-ul-Mulk received the news of the murder of Husain 'Alī Khān, he, considerring Ghālib Jang's conciliation as his best plan, went to his house and exchanged turbans with him3. He presented him to Sultan Ibrahim, son of Sultan Rafi'-ush-Shan-whom he had placed on the throne-and had him appointed Mīr Bakhshī with the title of Amīr-ul-Umarā. He was in the van on the day of the battle4. After Qutb-ul-Mulk's arrest he returned to the Capital. Emperor Muhammad Shah on reaching Delhī sent Amīr-ul-Umarā Khān Daurān to his house, forgave his transgressions, and summoned him to the Court. He was reinstated in his rank and regranted his old title; he also received various favours. After a few years he died. He looked like a military man, and was very touchy in respect of his position. He looked like an Indian born, and treated the leaders of the times on an equal footing.

It is stated that when Emperor Muhammad Shāh was issuing orders to Amīr-ul-Umarā Khān Daurān for the retention of his rank and title, the latter represented, that previously he had the title of

<sup>1</sup> According to Irvine he was given command of the Artillery in addition to the charge of jilau (retinue), op. cit., p. 260.

<sup>2</sup> Op. cit., pp. 385, 386.

<sup>3</sup> Later Mughals, II, p. 78.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., p. 89.

Ghālib Jang, and now Shēr Afgan Khān had been granted the title of 'Izzat-ud-Daula Bahādur Ghālib Jang, and requested for the Emperor's orders for distinguishing between the two. The Emperor said that he might be styled Ṣafdar Jang. Ghāzī-ud-Dīn Khān who just that day made his obeisance, represented that the slave was in attendance, and 'Izzat-ud-Daula was in the Court, orders might be issued for a combat by swords between the two. Whoever is victorious would be Ghālib Jang. The Emperor smiled and granted him the title of Ghālib Jang, and 'Izzat-ud-Daula was styled Ṣafdar Jang.

# (I·TIMAD-UD-DAULAH MĪRZĀ) <u>GH</u>IYĀ<u>TH</u> BEG ŢEHRĀNĪ

(Vol. I, pp. 127-134).

He¹ was the son of Khwāja Muḥammad Sharīf, whose nom-de-plume was Hijrī, and who at first was the Chief Minister of Tātār² Sulṭān, son of Muḥammad Khān³ Sharaf-ud-Dīn Ughlī Taklū, the Bēglar Bēgī of Khurāsān. On becoming convinced of his ability and straightforwardness, he made over to him the charge of the chief minister of his office and all its affairs. On his death his son Qazāq Khān made the Khwāja his manager. When Qazāq Khān died, Shāh Ṭahmāsp Ṣafavī became favourably inclined towards the Khwāja, and appointed him minister of Yezd for seven years. As he performed the duties of this office creditably, he was appointed minister of Iṣpahān. He died in 984 A. H. (1576 A. D.); the chronogram being "Yake kam ze malādb Vuzrā\*" (one less from the asylum

- I A detailed notice of Ghiyath Beg with valuable notes was published by Blochmann, A'in, I (2nd edn.), pp. 571-576.
- 2 He is apparently the Bēglar Bēgi of Khurāsān who in accordance with the instructions of Shāh Tahmāsp, sent his nobles and couriers to welcome Humāyūn after he reached Fārah, see Akbarnāma, Text, p. 213, Beveridge's translation, I, p. 432.
  - 3 Akbarnama, Text, I, p. 206, translation, p. 418.
- 4 Maladb Vuzra yields 985, and by deducting one the proper date 984 is obtained.

of ministers: 984). His brothers were Khwāja Mīrzā Ahmad and Khwājgī Khwāja. The first was the father of Mīrzā Amīn the author of Haft Iqlīm<sup>1</sup>. He was the headman (kalāntar) of Ray (Rhagas), and was in charge of the Khālṣa (Exchequer) lands. He had a poetical vein. The Shāh in his graciousness said:

### Verse

Our Ţehrānī Mīrzā Aḥmad Is our third after Khusrau and Khāqānī.

The second (Khwājgī Khwāja) was a master of eloquence. His son, Khwāja Shāpūr was well known as a poet. The Khwāja (Muḥammad Sharīf) had two sons, Āqā Muḥammad Ṭāhir, whose nom-de-plume was Waṣlī, and Mīrzā Ghiyāth-ud-Dīn Muḥammad alias Ghiyāth Bēg. He was married to the daughter² of Mīrzā 'Ala'-ud-Daulah Āqā Mullā. After his father's death Ghiyāth Bēg as a result of unfortunate circumstances started for India as a fugitive with two sons, and a daughter³. On the journey his goods were plundered, and his condition at last became such that he had only two mules, which they had to ride by turns. When he reached Qandahār, another daughter Mihr-un-Nisā (the Sun of women) was born. Malik Mas'ūd a trader, and the head of the caravan—who was known to Emperor Akbar—becoming acquainted with his condition behaved towards him with kindness. When he arrived at

- I See A, Muqtadir's Preface to the Asiatic Society's edition of Haft Iqlim, fasc. I, p. iii, where a short history of the family of the author including Mīrzā Ghiyāth Bēg is given. The account of the work will be found on pp. iv, v.
- 2 Her name was 'Asmat Bēgam, vide Beni Prasad, History of Jahangir, p. 320, and her accomplishments and good qualities are detailed in Tūzuk-i-lahāngirī, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, II, p. 216. She died in the 17th year of the reign in 1621.
- 3 Khāfī Khān, I, p. 263, has two daughters and a son. The above account appears to be based on Muḥammad Hādī's preface to the Tūzuk, see Sir Saiyid Ahmad's edition, p. 21.

Fathpūr, he introduced <u>Gh</u>iyāth Bēg to the Emperor and succeeded in getting him appointed to an office under the Crown<sup>1</sup>. <u>Gh</u>iyāth Bēg by his good fortune and honesty reached the rank of 300, and in the 40th year was appointed  $D\bar{v}v\bar{a}n$  of Kābul. Later he attained the rank of 1,000, and was promoted to the office of  $D\bar{v}v\bar{a}n$ -i-Buyūtāt<sup>2</sup>.

When Jahangir became the Emperor, he in the beginning of the reign gave Mīrzā Ghiyāth Bēg the title of I'timād-ud-Daulah, and made him jointly responsible for the Dīvānī with Mīrzā Jān Bēg Vazīr-ul-Mulk3. In the year 1016 A.H. (1607 A.D.) his son Muhammad Sharif foolishly joined others in a plot to deliver Sultan Khusrau from the prison. The plot was soon discovered, and the secrets of the conspiracy fully unravelled. Emperor Jahangir capitally punished him and other conspirators4. The Mīrzā was confined in the house of Diyanat Khans, but was released on payment of a fine of two lacs of rupees. His daughter Mihr-un-Nisā, the wife of Shēr Afgan Khan, after her husband had been killed, was brought to the court according to the Emperor's orders. In consequence of his having fallen in love with her when he had seen her earlier, a project of marriage was mooted, as has been related in the account of Sher Afgan Khān. She refused the overtures because of her husband's murder, while the Emperor blamed her for the assassination of his foster-brother Qutb-ud-Din Khan' by her husband, and made her

1 Khāfi Khān, I, pp. 263-265.

- 2 This is mentioned in Tūzuk-i-Jahāngīrī, Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, p. 22, where his name has been corrected to Ghiyāth Bēg instead of Ināyat Bēg as in the text. Ghiyāth Bēg is not mentioned in Akbarnāma.
  - 3 Price's translation of the Memoirs, p. 28.
- 4 See Roger's & Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 122, 123, but the imprisonment and imposition of fine on Ghiyāth Bēg are not mentioned.
- 5 Probably Diyanat Khan Qasim Beg, Maathir-ul-Umara, Text, II, pp. 8, 9, Beveridge's translation, I, pp. 483, 484.
  - 6 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, II, pp. 622-625, translation antea pp. 837-839.
  - 7 Maāthir-ul-Umarā, Text, III, pp. 66-68, translation antea pp. 555-557.

over to his step-mother Salīma Bēgam1. She passed some time in obscurity. At the New Year's feast of the 6th year, 1020 A.H. (March, 1611 A.D.) the old feelings were revived as a result of the Emperor seeing her again, and the unfulfilled desire of old times developed more vigorously. He married her with all pomp. At first she was called Nur Mahal, and later Nur Jahan Begam². As a result of this close connection l'timad-ud-Daulah was appointed Prime Minister, and given the rank of 6,000 with 3,000 horse, and elevated with the grant of a flag and a drum. In the 10th year, he was, as a special favour, permitted to sound his drums in the Presence, and so was raised above all the Amīrs. In the 16th year 1031 A.H. (1622 A.D.) when the Emperor was proceeding to Kashmir for the second time, he halted in the district of Sibah3, and went by himself4 to visit the fort of Kangra. Next day I'timad-ud-Daulah fell ill, and his condition became critical. Nür Jahān Bēgam became anxious about him, and consequently the Emperor returned with her to the residence of I'timad-ud-Daulah. The latter was in the agonies of death, sometimes he lost his senses, and for a while recovered them. The Begam pointing towards the Emperor enquired of her father "Do you recognize him." He even at this time recited a verse of Anwarī:

- 1 Ruqayya Sultān Bēgam in *lqbālnāma*, p. 56 appears to be more correct.
- 2 Muhammad Hādi's preface to the Tūzuk, Sir Saiyid Ahmad's edition, p. 22, Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngīrī, pp. 55, 56, and Beni Prasad, History of Jahangir, pp. 176-182, for a detailed discussion of the contemporary sources. The marriage took place about the end of May, 1611, see Beveridge's note in Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., I, p. 192.
- 3 Rogers & Beveridge's translation of Tuzūk-i-Jahāngīrī, pp. 221, 222. Sibah is in the Sarkār Bēth Jālandhar Dūāb, see Jarrett's translation of A'īn, II, p. 317.
- 4 The word is غريده in the text, but according, to Tūzuk, he went with his special servants and attendants, see Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., p. 222.

#### Verse

Should one born blind be here,

He would recognise His Majesty in the world-adorning brow.

After two or three hours he died. Forty one persons<sup>2</sup>—his children and connections—received mourning dresses from the Emperor.

I'timād-ud-Daulah did not compose poetry, but he was a diligent student of the early poets. He was greatly skilled in elegant composition, and wrote in a bold and clear Shikasta hand. He was excellent company, and Emperor Jahāngīr used to say that his society was better than thousands of carminatives. He also understood business, and was a good writer. He was a pleasant and even-tempered man, and did not cherish hatred even against his enemies. He was devoid of anger; chains, imprisonment, whippings and abuses were not known in his establishment. If anyone deserving capital punishment appeared before him as a supplicant, or paid his respects to him for a week, he was pardoned. With all this, however, he was not self-indulgent. All his days were spent in looking into details and writing reports. While he was the Dīvān, the accounts department—which had been in arrears for a long time—was brought into order.<sup>5</sup>

Nur Jahan Begam in addition to her physical charms was

I See Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., p. 222. According to the same source he died of a broken heart three months and twenty days after his wife. For an account of his tomb see Keene's Guide to Agra, and A.C.L. Carlleyle, Arch. Surv. Report for 1871-72, Vol. IV, p. 141 (1874), and Beni Prasad, vp. cit., pp. 321, 322.

<sup>2</sup> Tuzuk has 41 children and dependants and 12 of his servants, vide Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., p. 223.

<sup>3</sup> See Rogers & Beveridge, op. cit., p. 222, Beni Prasad, op. cit., p. 173 and Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngirī, p. 55. Also see Beni Prasad's interesting paper on Nur Jahan etc. in Proc. Indian Historical Records Commission, IV, pp. 19-25 (Calcutta, 1922).

possessed of many mental excellencies. She was the unique of the age for her quick understanding, good sense, penetration and tact. The Emperor used to say that until she came to his house, he had not understood domestic pleasures or the spirituality of marriage. invented or designed several ornamentations for dress and jewellery which are still prevalent in India. For instance dūdāmī (flowered muslin) for dress, panchtolia for veils, badla (silver thread) and kinārā (silver-thread lace), 'attar (perfumes), rose perfume known as the 'Attar-i-Jahangiri, and silvery carpet (farash chandani) were all her1 innovations. She exercised such influence over Emperor Jahangir that except for the name of Emperor he exercised no powers. He frequently remarked that he had presented the kingdom to Nür Jahan, and required nothing more than a ser of wine and half a ser of meat for himself. In fact, except<sup>2</sup> for the Khutba not having been read in her name, she exercised all the prerogatives of royalty, so much so that she sat in the jharoka (the latticed window), and received the respects of the officers. Coins were struck in her name.

### Verse

By order of Shāh Jahāngīr gold was adorned

A hundredfold by the name of Nūr Jahān the Queen Bēgam. The Tughrā<sup>3</sup> (royal grant) decrees also bore the following: "The order of the exalted lady of the sublime couch Nūr Jahān Pādshāh Bēgam" The estates assigned to her corresponded to the rank of 30,000. It is stated that the fiefs of her relations (silsila) amounted to half the estates of the kingdom. All relatives and connections of the family, even to slaves and eunuchs received the ranks of Khāns and Tarkhāns. An old female servant<sup>4</sup> named Dāī Dilārām, who

<sup>1</sup> See Blochmann, op. cit., p. 574, Khāfi Khān, I, p. 274 and Beni Prasad, op. cit., p. 183. Apparently her mother also had a share in introducing these novelties.

<sup>2</sup> Iqbālnāma-i-Jahāngīrī, p. 56. 3 See Wilson's Glossary, p. 526.

<sup>4</sup> Text has bira kaniz, but pir kaniz of Iqbālnāma, p. 56 seems more correct. Her seal appeared on grants to women.

had been the Bēgam's nurse, became the Mistress of the women (Şadr-i-Anāth) in place of Ḥājī Kōka¹.

### Verse

Your kith and kin are glorified because of you, and flourish; Because of the beauty of one, the whole family is glorified.

The Begam was also generous in rewards and charity. It is stated that on the days when she went to the baths, her fixed expenditure was Rs. 3,000. She had collected in the palace numerous female servants aged from twelve to forty, and she married them to Ahadis (gentlemen troopers) and chēlas (pages). But though women are possessed of many charming qualities, yet in essence of their natures they are beings who have been created with a defective understanding. With all her good qualities she became at last the leaven2 of confusion, and trouble for India. Having given in marriage her daughter by Sher Afgan Khan to Prince Shariyar the younger son of Emperor Jahangir, she designed to raise him to power. And she so alienated Emperor Jahangir's mind against the legitimate heir to the State, who was the Prince of high Destiny, Shah Jahan, that it resulted in raising armies, murder and destruction, and a great deal of the country was ravished by the flood of devastation. As, however, Fate had decreed that the throne of Caliphate be adorned by Şāḥib Qirān Thānī (Shāh Jahān), her useless efforts were not crowned with success. After Shah Jahan's accession he granted her an allowance of two lacs of rupees a year. It is stated that after the death of Emperor Jahangir she wore nothing but white (safid i. e., plain, uncoloured clothes), and never voluntarily joined any joyful assemblies. In the 19th year of the reign, 1055 A.H. (1645 A.D.)

<sup>1</sup> Hājī Kōka is also mentioned in Akbarnāma, Text, III, p. 656, Beveridge's translation, III, p. 1006, note 1. Also see Tūzuk, text. p. 22 and Rogers & Beveridge's translation, I, p. 46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This paragraph is taken from *lqbālnāma*, p. 56, and Muḥammad Hādi's preface p. 21, with minor changes.

she died at Lähöre aged 72<sup>1</sup> years, and was buried in the tomb which she had erected herself near the mausoleum of Emperor Jahängīr. The Bēgam was also poetically inclined, and her nom-deplume was Makhfī<sup>2</sup> (concealed). The following verses are by her:—

#### Verses

I give not my heart to form (sūrat) if the disposition (sūrat) be unknown,

I am a slave of (divine) love, and know 72 creeds.

O ascetic! cast not the terrors of the Judgment-day into our heart.

We have lived through the terrors of separation and so can visualize the day of judgment.

# (SAIYID) 'IZZAT <u>KH</u>AN 'ABDUR RAZZAQ GILANI (Vol. II, p. 475).

At first he was in the service of Muḥammad Dārā Shikōh. In the 30th year of Emperor Shāh Jahān's reign he was, at the request of the said Prince, granted the title of 'Izzat Khān's, and appointed Governor of the province of Multān. In the 31st year' he was given charge of the capital city of Lāhōre in succession to Bahādur Khān. When Dārā Shikōh after his defeat by Emperor Aurangzīb near Akbarābād (Āgra) fled to Lāhōre, and being unable to maintain himself there went off to Multān, 'Izzat Khān also accompanied him. When the said Prince losing courage started for Bhakkar, 'Izzat Khān separated from him, and on the arrival of Aurangīb's forces took up service under him. He was exalted by appointment to the rank of

<sup>1</sup> Nür Jahan died on 29th Shawwal, 1055 A.H. (18th December, 1645 A.D.), see Bādshahnāma, II, p. 475.

<sup>2</sup> This was also the nom-de-plume of other Mughal royal ladies, such as Salima Sultan Begam and Zeb-un-Nisa Begam, who composed poems.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;Amal Ṣāliḥ, III, pp. 231, 232.

<sup>4</sup> Op. cit., pp. 266, 267.

3,000¹ with 500 horse. He was in attendance on the royal stirrups in the battle with Muḥammad Shujā'. In the 4th year he was honoured by appointment at Faujdār of Bhakkar in succession to Sanjar Khān. In the 10th year he was appointed Governor² of Tatta (Sindh) on the death of Ghadanfar Khān, and his rank was advanced to 3,500 foot with 2,000 horse. It has not been possible to trace his later history.

1 In 'Alamgirnāma, p. 302, his new rank is given as 3,000 with 700 horse.

<sup>2</sup> On p. 341 of 'Alamgirnāma it is noted that he was appointed Faujdār of Baharāich, and on p. 593 Sa'id Khān was appointed his successor there. His appointment as Governor of Tatta in succession to Ghadanfar Khān is recorded on p. 1048.

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- 2. Kākar 'Alī Khān, Q, Text III, No. 46, pp. 148, 149; Translation I, No. 325, pp. 757, 758.
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- 3. (Kunwar) Jagat Singh, Text III, No. 47, pp. 149, 150; Translation I, No. 301, pp. 725, 726.
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- 5. Kākar Khān or Khān Jahān Kākar, Text III, No. 49, pp. 152, 153; Translation I, No. 325, pp. 757, 758.
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- 7. Gang 'Alī Khān 'Abdulla Bēg, Q, Text III, No. 51, p. 155; Translation I, No. 207, p. 572.
- 8. Kīrat Singh, Text III, No. 52, pp. 156-158; Translation I, No. 356, pp. 827-828.
- 9. Kāmgar Khān, Q, Text III, No. 53, pp. 159, 160; Translation 1, No. 328, pp. 760, 761.

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- 2. Lashkar Khān Abūl Ḥasan Mashhadī, Text Ill, No. 55, pp. 163-168; Translation I, No. 360, pp. 831-834.
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- 2. (Mullā) Pīr Muhammad Khān Shērwānī, Text III, No. 60, pp. 182-186; Translation II, No. 504, pp. 477-481.
- 3. Abu-l-Ma'ālī (Mīr Shāh), Text Ill, No. 61, pp. 186-191; Translation I, No. 37, pp. 132-136.

- 4. Muḥammad Sultān Mīrzā, Text III, No. 62, pp. 192-199; Translation II, No. 431, pp. 207-212.
- 5. (Mahdī) Qāsim Khān, Text III, No. 63, pp. 199-202; Translation II, No. 515, pp. 503-505.
- 6. Muḥammad Qāsim Khān Badakhshī, Text Ill, No. 64, pp. 202-204; Translation II, No. 424, pp. 178-180.
- 7. Muḥammad Qulī Toqbā'ī, Q, Text Ill, No. 65, p. 204; Translation II, No. 427, p. 186.
- 8. Muḥammad Qulī Khān Barlās, Text Ill, No. 66, pp. 204-207; Translation II, No. 426, pp. 183-185.
- 9. Majnūn Khān Qāqshāl, Text III, No. 67, pp. 207-211; Translation II, No. 375, pp. 38-41.
- 10. (Mīr) Muḥammad Khān, known as Khān Kalān, Text Ill, No. 68, pp. 211-216; Translation II, No. 417, pp. 152-156.
- 11. Mu'in-ud-Din Ahmad Khan Farrankhudi, Q, Text Ill, No. 69, pp. 216, 217; Translation II, No. 441, p. 237.
- 12. Mihr 'Alī Khān Sildōz, Q, Text III, No. 70, pp. 217, 218; Translation II, No. 389, pp. 71, 72.
- (Mīrzā) Mīrak Raḍavī, Q, Text III, No. 71, pp. 218, 219;
   Translation II, No. 389, pp. 76, 77.
- 14. Muḥammad Murād Khān I, Q, Text III, No. 72, pp. 219-221; Translation II, No. 422, pp. 170, 171.
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- 16. (Mīr) Mu'izz-ul-Mulk Akbarī, Text III, No. 74, pp. 227-231; Translation II, No. 442, pp. 238-240.
- 17. (Mīr) 'Alī Akbar Mūsavī, Text III, No. 75, pp. 231, 232; Translation I, No. 59, pp. 177, 178.
- 18. (Mīrza) Sharf-ud-Dīn Ḥusain Ahrārī, Text III, No. 76, pp. 232-238; Translation II, No. 633, pp. 808-812.
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- 20. Ma şūm <u>Kh</u>ān Farran<u>kh</u>udī, Text III, No. 78, pp. 246-249; Translation II, No. 383, pp. 64-66.

- (Mīr) Gesū of Khurāsān, Text III, No. 79, pp. 249-252;
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- 22. (Mullā) 'Abdullah Anṣārī Makhdūmu-l-Mulk, Text Ill, No. 80, pp. 252-257; Translation I, No. 28, pp. 93-97.
- 23. 'Alī Khān (Mīrzāda), Q, Text III, No. 81, pp. 257, 258, Translation I, No. 61, p. 180.
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- 31. (Mīrzā) Muzaffar Husain Şafavī, Text III, No. 89, pp. 296-302; Translation II, No. 477, pp. 350-354.
- 32. (Mīrzā) Jānī Bēg Arghūn (the ruler of Thatha), Text III, No. 90, pp. 302-314; Translation I, No. 316, pp. 743-748.
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- 40. Muḥammad Qulī Turkmān, Q, Text III, No. 98, pp. 342, 343; Translation II, No. 428, pp. 186, 187.
- 41. Mihtar Khān, Q, Text III, No. 99, pp. 344, 345; Translation II, No. 387, pp. 72-74.
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- 43. Mīrān Şadr Jahān Pihānī, Text III, No. 101, pp. 348-351:
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- 46. Muḥtasham Khān Shaikh Qāsim Fathpūrī, Q, Text III, No. 104, p. 355; Translation II, No. 440, p. 236.
- 47. (Mīrzā) 'Ali Bēg Akbar Shāhī, Text III, No. 105, pp. 355-357; Translation I, No. 60, pp. 178, 179.
- 48. (Mīr) Jamāl-ud-Dīn Injū, Text III, No. 106, pp. 358-360; Translation I, No. 315, pp. 742, 743.
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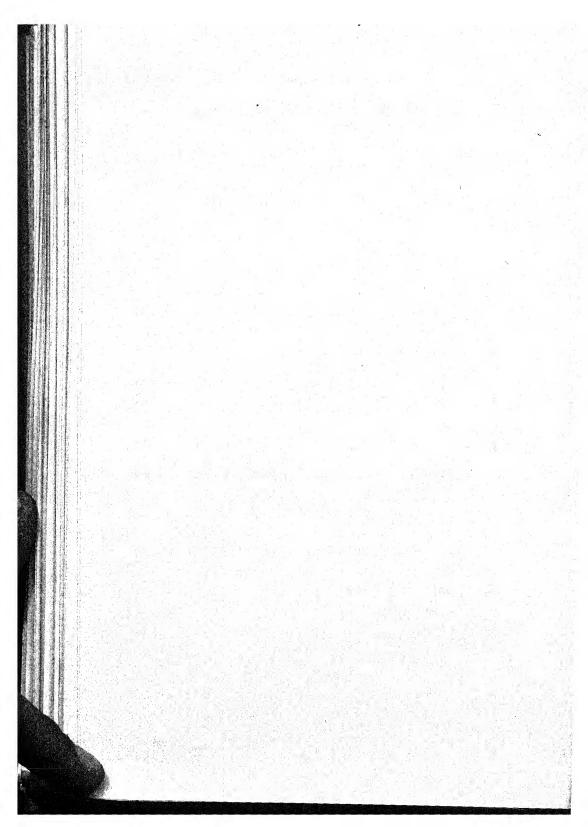
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